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Presented by the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition
All workshops are free, and will go unless it is thundering or raining really hard. Helmets required for all rides.

Tune Your Bike – Wednesday, May 14

Sir Sandford Fleming College Rm 8 – 7 – 9 p.m.

Register with HKPRD Health Unit 457-1391 (maximum of 10 people)

Join Rob Meyers and get your bike tuned up for the cycling season. In this hands-on workshop you will check/ fix your brakes and gears, clean your chain, adjust your seat and handle bars to fit you and learn some basic repair skills (flat tire, broken chain). Rob will also review what essential tools are needed when you go for a bike ride. Bring your bike and any tools you have that will be useful.

Getting Back on Your Bike – Thursday, May 22

Meet at the Haliburton town docks – 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Register with HKPRD Health Unit 457-1391 (maximum of 10 people)

This workshop is for those folks who want to learn, or refresh their cycling skills. Sean Pennylegion will review all the basics (getting started, choosing necessary equipment, gear selection, tips and etiquette for riding on the road, helmet and bicycle fitting). We will conclude with a mystery ride and, of course, the requisite, not-to-be-missed, ice cream cone.

Cycle to Bonnieview – Sunday, May 25

Meet at the Haliburton town docks – 10 a.m.

Register with HKPRD Health Unit 457-1391

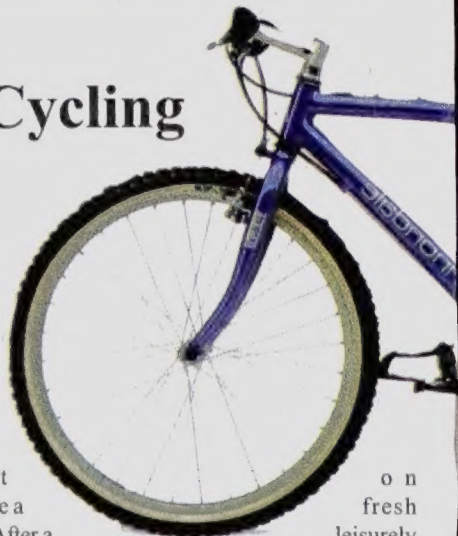
"It is worth the bike ride to sit the dock at Bonnieview and have a glass of juice or a light snack." After a 10k ride with Marie-Lee Zahab and David Zilstra, owner Andrea Hagarty will tell us her story about how cycling helps her manage stress and helped her lose weight. Light refreshments will be available for \$5 per person.

Learn to Geocache – Wednesday, June 4

Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton, by the fountain, 7 – 8:30 p.m. (max. 10 families)

Register with HKPRD Health Unit, 457-1391

Geocaching is a great way for people of all ages to get out and explore by foot and by bike! Join Thom Lambert and learn the basics, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; however some will be available to borrow.



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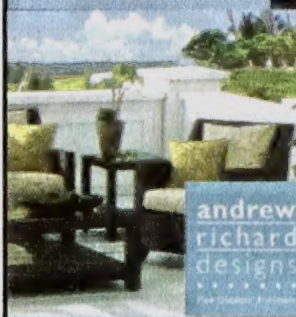
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The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Holding First Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence & You Are Invited

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) invites you to our Gala fundraising event on May 31 at the Minden Community Centre, starting at 7 p.m.

The Gala, "Wild About Nature" is a celebration of environmental excellence. The evening will feature an awards ceremony for Enviro-Heroes -- individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a major contribution to understanding, preserving, celebrating, or using our natural environment in a healthy way.

There are six categories: Education & the Environment, Stewardship, "Green" Business, The Arts & the Environment, Health & the Environment and Enviro-Hero of the Year.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that there have been 28 Enviro-Hero nominations from the public. A list of the names of all nominees follows this invitation. The calibre of the people, organizations and businesses nominated is outstanding. Our panel of judges, Barb Bolin, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council member, County Warden Eleanor Harrison and Barrie Martin, HHLT director, will have a difficult time choosing a winner in each category.

All nominees will be recognized at the event and the winning nomination in each category will receive a special award designed by past Land Trust director and renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse.

Included in the evening are environmentally-themed art auctions, the sale of our "Haliburton County Species at Risk" poster, live music and a cash bar with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Please join us in celebrating all the Enviro-Heroes of Haliburton County.

For tickets to the event, please email s.ziman@sympatico or call 705-754-2532.

Enviro-Hero Nominations List

Health & the Environment

(A person or organization that has drawn attention to the natural environment as a special place for healthy activity.)

Pamela Marsales; Peter & Margaret Brogden; Sue Shikaze.

**And the
nominees
are...**



Stewardship

(A person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources.)

Bruce and the late Norah Carruthers; Don Wright; Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations Inc. (FOCA); Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF); Environment Haliburton! (EH!); Ed Poropat.

Environmental Education

(A person or group that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults.)

Eric Lilius; Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists (HHFN); Irene Heaven; Susan Ferren; Jim McHardy; Val Bishop.

Green Business

(A business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment.)

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.; Patient News Publishing; Know Your Home Inspections; Glenside Ecological Services.

The Arts & the Environment

(An artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment.)

John Lennard; Tom Green; Tiffany Howe; The Theatre for the Earth Troupe.

2008 Enviro-Hero of the Year

(An individual, landowner, business or organization that has contributed in a unique and important way in 2007 to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County.)

Sharon Lawrence; Robin Simpson; OutLoud Womyn's Voices; Paul Heaven; Heather Ross.

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We will be closed on Victoria Day, Monday, May 19th.

Debbie, Ira & Joanne



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Minden Electric

Minden Electric a Highland Landmark for 30 Years

by Tyson Farrell

Spotlight

On Business

Some businesses in the Highlands have been around for so long, and have served customers so loyally, that they cease to be viewed as mere businesses. People begin to see them as landmarks and as parts of the cultural fabric of our community. Over the last 30 years, Minden Electric has become one of these businesses. Minden Electric is now owned by Steve and Carla Stewart, but it was created long ago by Steve's father Barry.

Barry and Doris Stewart owned Bolton Electric, a successful electric company in Bolton for many years. Although they enjoyed working in the city, they loved cottaging in the Highlands even more. They therefore decided one day that they'd had enough of the city life, and it was time to permanently move to the country. Barry sold the electrical company, and moved with his family to their cottage on Mountain Lake. "When my parents decided to move up to the Highlands, it was the greatest thing that ever happened," laughs Steve. "It gave me a place to dirt bike, snowmobile, and all of that fun stuff." Although Barry also enjoyed the recreation that the county offered, he continued to work. Shortly after moving to the Highlands he created Minden Electric, which he ran out of his Mountain Lake home. Although Steve was only a young lad, he was expected to help out with the business. "I began working with my father when I was about nine or ten. He gave me all the training and a formal apprenticeship."

Barry and Steve worked together for many years, and Minden Electric continued to expand. Eight years ago Barry decided that it was finally time for him to retire, and Steve purchased the business. Minden Electric is now located on Boshkung Lake's Echo Bay, where it employs nine

people. "We do a lot of work with big contractors now, putting in electric systems for new houses. Minden Electric has also been fortunate enough to do work for local banks, the LCBO, and townships. We also spend a lot of time doing service upgrades. Many people are on the old fuse system, and ask us to upgrade them," Steve says. "A lot of people think that we only do big jobs, but this isn't true. We do lots of small jobs as well."

Although Minden Electric consumes a lot of Steve's time, he has always made sure to spend time with his family. He sees his wife Carla often, since she works in the office, and helps to run the business. "I couldn't do it without the help of my wife," he says. "She's does a lot of the work, and is a great asset." Carla and Steve have also raised three children. Their eldest child is 23 year old son Jamie, who just finished serving in the military as an armored vehicle driver and gunner, stationed in Edmonton. Jamie moved himself, his wife and his

twin boys back from Edmonton, and he is currently working alongside his dad as an apprentice, which positions him as the third generation of electricians in the family. "He may take over the business one day, if he can handle the stress," laughs Steve. Meghan, Jamie's wife, works alongside Carla as an office administrator. Jamie has a sister named Jacqueline, who is going to school in Cobourg to become an esthetician. Their youngest son David is a licensed butcher who has decided to explore other career options and is currently working at Riverview Furniture in Minden, and looking forward to the busy summer season. The Stewarts are certainly a hard working family, but they do try to take some time off to enjoy themselves. They spend what little free time they have with their family touring Boshkung Lake on their pontoon boat. When they're

not doing that, the family looks after their many pets which includes dogs, cats, and birds. There has even been the odd rescued raccoon in the mix.

Steve and Carla are already very busy running Minden Electric and taking care of their family, but they have recently expanded their economic endeavors and created two new businesses. "We now operate a business called Generator

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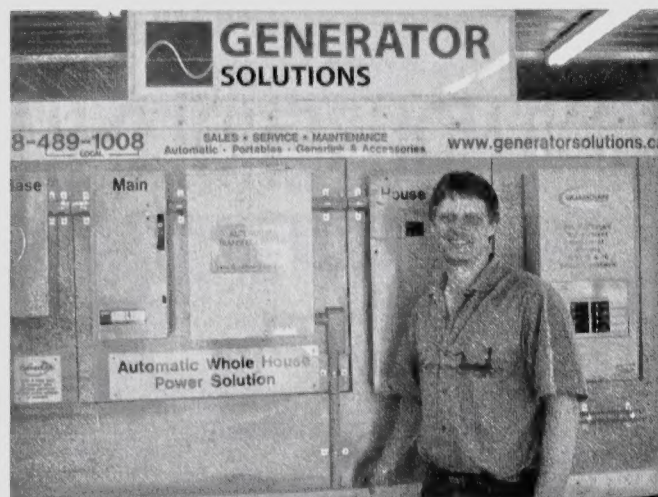
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Minden Electric Can Help You Avoid The Next Power Outage

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Solutions. I've been working with generators for more than ten years, and realized that there's an increasing demand for them, not just in sales, but in the service of existing generator systems as well."

Generator Solutions, currently operates out of the Boshkung Lake location, selling a wide variety of generators. Generator Solutions is an authorized Guardian dealer with factory trained sales and maintenance staff. Although they specialize in automatic propane generators they also offer three lines of portable generators to fit anybody's budget. There are generators that can power a house's basic utilities, and ones that can power absolutely everything within a home. New innovations have also made generators quieter. "Generator Solutions provides all the services and accessories which a person could need for their generator. This includes services such as yearly maintenance for people who currently own Guardian or Generac branded home standby generators. The accessories available include battery blankets, freeze alarms, wireless remote control, and maintenance kits." Steve says. "We have a monitoring service available which will alert Generator Solutions in the event that the generator fails to start during a power interruption." As most Highlanders no doubt remember, two summers ago there was a severe thunderstorm that left many homes without electricity for over a week. Unsurprisingly, this blackout led to an increase in generator sales. "We sold 28 generators in the two months following that storm," Steve explains. "It helped to cement the idea that the area required a business which specializes in generators. Since then we've been getting calls and jobs in Balsam Lake, Bracebridge, Bancroft and all around Haliburton County. We've gone from selling five or six generators a season to selling more than 50. To make it easier for our current and potential customers, we have designed a website 'Generator Solutions.ca'. This will aid in the purchasing of a generator, or the request for service, repair, or maintenance requirements. The website also allows you to view all of the products which we currently carry."

As if Steve and Carla were not busy enough running Minden Electric and Generator Solutions, they recently created a third business called Distribucom. As the name suggests, Distribucom is a distribution company. For years Steve bought certain accessories for his company from

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big box stores such as Canadian Tire. He realized how expensive and inefficient this process was, so he began to explore the possibilities of purchasing, as a distributor, directly from the manufacturers. However, manufacturers often demand that customers buy in large volumes. Realizing that he would have hundreds of surplus products on his hands, Steve decided to start a distribution company of his own. Distribucum now imports commodities from across the US and Canada, and offers a wide range of products.

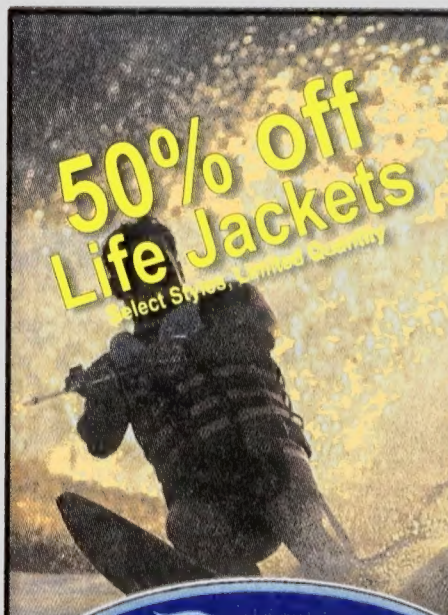
These include meter transfer adapters, camouflage propane tank covers, battery chargers and blankets, generator covers, and more. "We created Distribucum to lower the product costs making it more affordable for my customers. We will be marketing to other contractors through a website, soon to be designed, to allow them to reduce their accessory purchasing costs as well" he says. "The website address will be distribucum.com"

With three businesses under his command, Steve is a very busy

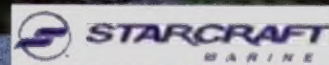
man. He has a staff of electricians, apprentices, servicemen, and receptionists. Although he currently employs nine people, Steve expects that the number will soon rise to thirteen. "We're trying to smooth everything out before things really heat up," he laughs.

Over the last 30 years, Minden Electric has thrived, and become a very successful business, spawning two new companies. Steve accredits the success to something his father taught him. "My dad taught me to be neat, and to work hard. I demand quality work, and at a reasonable rate of speed. Clients have recognized our devotion to quality, which is why we've built up a loyal customer base. Over the years, we've had very dedicated employees and many loyal customers." If

you would like to learn more about Steve and Carla's businesses, you can look for them at the up and coming Haliburton Home and Cottage Show. Generator Solutions will have a vendor's booth which will display and sell their many impressive products. The phone number for Minden Electric is 286-2946, and Generator Solutions is 489-1008. Distribucum will not be marketing to the general public. It will soon begin to contact potential clients directly. If you are interested in learning more about Distribucum, you can send an email to dealerrequest@distribucum.com



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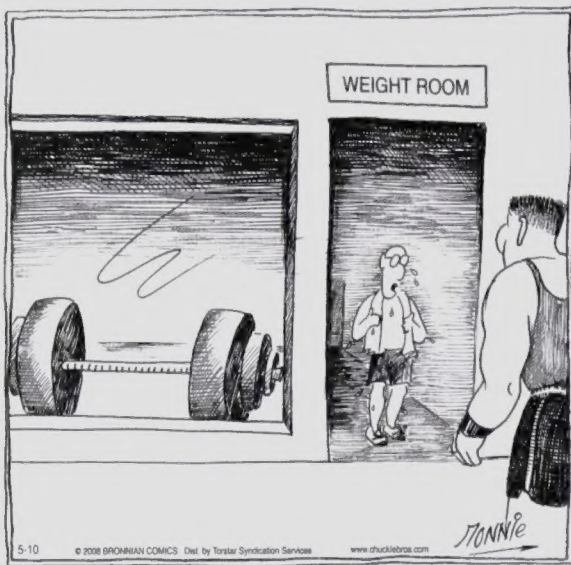
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Two teenagers were charged with setting fires in suburban Washington after they bragged about the blazes on MySpace.com.

The 17-year-old schoolmates were involved in 17 fires in Montgomery County. The teens now face 22 charges, including two counts each of first-degree arson and four counts of second-degree arson.

Their names were not released because they were charged as juveniles.

How did they get caught... Investigators got a tip to check out the online social networking site MySpace.com, where they found photos and descriptions.

They posted photos of their crimes. They even wrote about the arsons in their MySpace blogs. Both of the teens are in custody at a juvenile detention center.

A man in Fort Pierce, Florida, apparently had exhausted all other options the morning of May 7 to get his girlfriend to stop yelling at him.

So as the couple argued, the man, identified as 41-year-old Israel Rosado, decided to cut himself with a kitchen knife.

"This was the only way to get that stupid (woman) to stop yelling at me!" he told police following the 2:17 a.m. incident.

The girlfriend likely won't be able to yell at Rosado, of the 500 block of Mayflower Lane, in the near future because police learned about his open violation of probation warrant and took him to the St. Lucie County jail, according to an arrest affidavit released May 8.

Investigators couldn't find the knife that Rosado used, but noted "blood throughout the apartment and outside of the apartment, near the front door." Rosado had small lacerations on his lower right leg.

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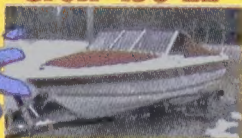
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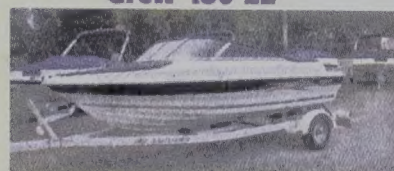
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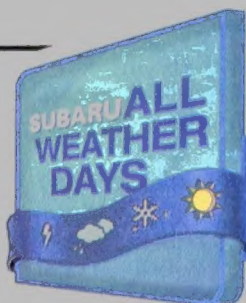
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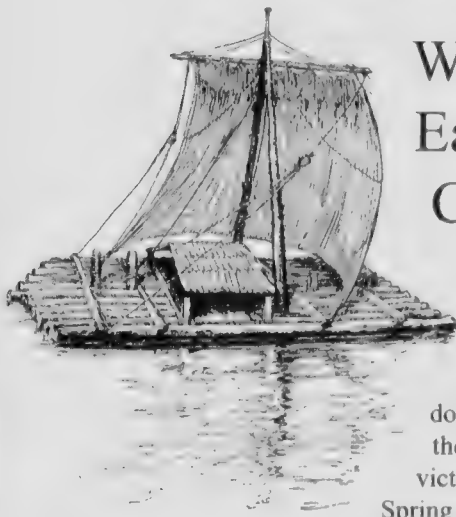
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Once thought to be nearing extinction, Gull River Crazy Rafter have blossomed in the last five years since being classified as an almost endangered species. Councilor Peter Oyler has nurtured Crazy Rafter for the July 1 event over several years, and is proud of the way all in the Haliburton Highlands have worked together to re-establish this rare bird.

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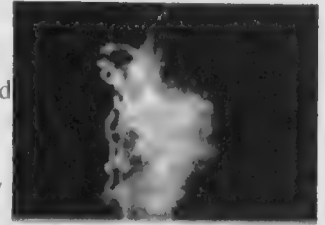
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The Haliburton Business Shuffle

By Tyson Farrell

For the last few weeks, the village of Haliburton has been in a state of flux. In preparation for the busy summer season, many businesses have expanded and changed location, altering the familiar face of Haliburton. With multiple establishments moving, it is easy for a person to become a little confused. Fortunately, the Highlands Communicator is here to dispel any confusion and explain the shuffle of Haliburton businesses.

With so many businesses changing location, it is difficult to decide where to begin. Perhaps the best place is at the corner of Highland and Maple Street, in the heart of the village. At this intersection, longtime Haliburton landmark, Loon Lake Weavers, operated for many years, but closed its doors last autumn. Such an ideal commercial location did not remain vacant for long though, and Boatwerks quickly moved into the building.

"We got the keys on January 1," says Boatwerks owner Jeff. "We pretty much gutted the place and completely redid it. We get

far more walk-by customers here. In our new location, we sold more in one day than we did in the entire month of April last year. The new location is working really well for us."

With Boatwerks in its new location, there was a vacant spot in the loft of the Village Barn. This space was quickly occupied by Cottage Dreams. This Haliburton-based charity, which offers recent cancer survivors the opportunity to spend a week at a private cottage, used to be located on Pine Street. They were housed in the old Banks General Store building, beside the Heritage House Café. They were somewhat cramped there, with five employees working in less than 1,000 sq. ft. A few months ago, the neighbouring café began preparations to expand and annex the office

space. The people of Cottage Dreams thus realized that it was time to find a new, and preferably bigger, location. They moved into the upper level of the Village Barn on February 1, and have since become enamoured with the new location.

"We love it," says Cottage Dreams founder and President Seana O'Neil. "Rodco and Jerry's Electric generously donated their time and material

to help change the loft from a store to an office. In our new location we have twice the square footage, better signage, more walk-through business, and a greater presence on the main street.

"There's only one small negative. In our old location we were right beside a café. We thought things would be similar in our new location. However, shortly after we moved into the Village Barn, Rachel's Bakery closed. Now we don't have a source of coffee and tea right next door. That's the only drawback," O'Neil laughs.

A few doors down, at the end of Highland Street, there has been another shift of businesses. As many Highlanders no doubt remember, there was a summer clothing shop located beneath Country Pickens last year. If one were to look there now, they would see a very different type of business. For the last six weeks, the prime location beside the war memorial has been occupied by the Wild

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Moving & New - The Face of Haliburton's Business Core is Expanding

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Outdoors store. The new store specializes in parts and accessories for snowmobiles, ATVs, and boats, while also offering a wide variety of hunting, archery, fishing, bait, and tackle items. "We used to be called C&C Enterprises, and we were located across the street, beside Mingles," says Chris Coumbs, who owns the store with his brother Ken.

"Our new location is 100 percent better. We've doubled our inventory, and we now have far more hunting and fishing accessories. We also have far more traffic in front of the store."

Across the street from the Wild Outdoors store, a new business has taken up residence. The establishment is Haliburton Living, a beautiful interior decorating store that used to be located in the Whitfield Plumbing across from the town docks.

"It was a quick move with no down time," speaks store owner Wendy Snelgrove. "We closed down the street and opened back up here immediately. We changed location in mid December, but I've been so busy with customers that I haven't even had time to put up signage yet."

Haliburton Living is located above the Mingles Restaurant, and beside Moose FM. For more information about the beautiful Haliburton Living, see the upcoming issue of the Highlands Communicator, where the store will be the "Spotlight on Business."

There have also been changes on the other side of the downtown core. Last summer, to the dismay of many highlanders, Video City of HALCO Plaza closed. The prime location across from the Ethel Curry Gallery remained vacant throughout the summer and fall seasons. The Teddy Time store, which was located across from the village docks, recently moved into the former Video City location.

"We've had a lot of good comments from customers about moving up here. People are glad we're here. They love the new, bright, spacious, location," says Bob Dewey of Teddy Time.

It didn't take long for Carol Dewey and her thousands of Teddy friends to settle in comfortably in their new digs. Be sure to stop

in and say hi to the whole gang there. It's a store worth visiting over and over again.

The County Voice newspaper is a new business in a great central location. The Communicator became instant roommates sharing office space and staff.

If one were to look in the lower level of the Stedman's mall, where the Haliburton Optical store used to be, they

would see that it is now filled with computers galore and reporters. On any given day, the reporters can be seen working furiously, dashing in and out of the office with a trail of newsprint left in their wake. Haliburton Optical, of course, moved over to the Haliburton Medical Centre next to the Haliburton Hospital. While they have been

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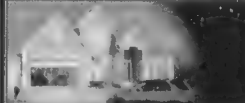



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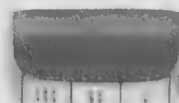



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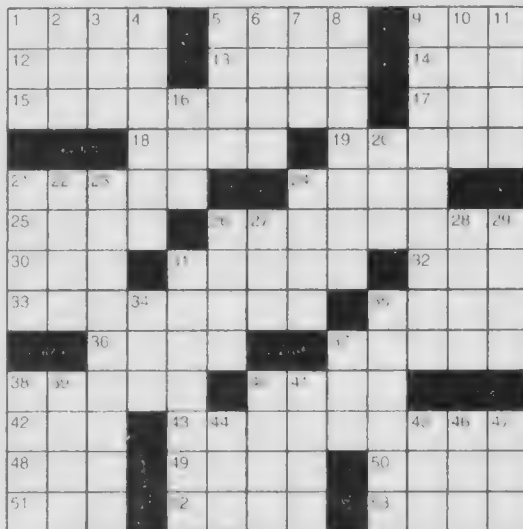
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there for some time now, we still find people popping by looking for Lance – so it's only fitting that we mention his move again now.

It is evident that many Haliburton businesses have changed location in the last few months.

These changes have

improved many businesses, and will provide many surprises for cottagers and tourists alike. There have been so many changes that the best way to learn about them all is to visit the village, take a walk through the village streets, and enjoy the many beautiful stores that Haliburton has to offer.

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The cost is only \$40.00 per person and that includes 9 holes of golf, prizes and that delicious beef-on-a-bun.

You may enter your own foursome, threesome, twosome or as an individual.

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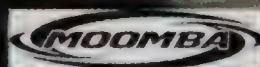
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By Terrance Gavan

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The business – Heat-Line Corporation – has burgeoned from rather humble beginnings into a state-of-the-art production and research facility on the rugged, bush-lined fringes of Stanhope Airport. (Heise is also an aircraft enthusiast and experimental airplane builder. The back of his Heat-Line plant boasts access to Stanhope's runway.)

Heise is President and CEO of Heat-Line Corporation and he is also responsible for many of the unique inventions hatched from the fertile confines of Heat-Line's Research and Development facility at Stanhope Airport.

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Heat-Line promotes a self-regulating, conductive-polymer heating cable technology and Heise developed it serendipitously after years of watching local Highlands

cottagers struggle vainly with the problems of winter water delivery. Before forming Heat-Line Heise and his wife owned a local electrical contracting business.

"With the support of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and constant experimentation and learning," says Heise, via heatline.com, "the art of freeze protection was perfected." Heise's innovative products continue to make inroads from the northern fringes of the USA right to the Arctic Circle. (Heat-Line is a Division of Christopher MacLean Limited.)

Indeed, one of Heise's inventions was recently nominated for an E.C. Manning Award.

The nomination is for a Heat-Line product called *Arctic Vent*.

The Manning Awards salute innovation in Canada. E.C. Manning is the father of former Reform Party leader Preston Manning.

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The events take place at 7 p.m. and admission is by donation.

The first event took place on May May 2, and featured Jerelyn Craden Reading from her novel, *Vessie Flamingo*, followed by Shelly King on May 9 with her talk: "The Fool and the Clown".

Now upcoming and not to miss is:

May 16 - Lea Harper

Reading from her Novel in Progress



Lea Harper is a poet and songwriter living on a lake in the Haliburton Highlands where she writes and raises two daughters. As a musician and singer, she has performed in Los Angeles, Jamaica and South America. Her group Syren released three records, was nominated for a Juno and won the Canadian Reggae Award for Top Duo. She is the author of two collections of poetry: "All That Saves

Us" and "Shadow Crossing". Lea is currently working on a novel, and when she has the time, she consorts with the rest of the Dead Poets Society at the Dominion Hotel.

May 23 - Fay Wilkinson

Talk: "The Mask in Theatre & Literature"

Fay's passions are masks and stories! Through her expressive arts practice, The Creative Cocoon, she explores the power of a playful approach to art making, which invites authentic self expression and exploration.

She has studied mask with Michael Chase in England and renowned storytellers and voice coaches in Canada. People Fay work with include kids at risk, the Canadian Mental Health Association, businesses and universities plus those in transition. Fay coordinates and instructs in the Expressive Arts Post-Graduate Certificate at Sir Sandford Fleming College and gives talks, tells stories and conducts workshops and retreats nationally and internationally, www.thecreativecocoon.com.

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by Linda Thistle

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Lorne Heise Pondering Heat Line Expansion

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Since the Nunavut Housing authority represents just one of 26 such authorities based in Canada's north, the implications vis-à-vis Arctic vent sales are huge for Heat-Line.

Heise is currently traveling on business in the US and said via email that Heat-Line is currently investigating the purchase of two very unique building systems in Michigan.

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Ski-Mazing Water Sports Set for New Season

By Terrance Gavan

Most local residents see a huge, state-of-the-art Mastercraft ski boat, bedecked with the very latest in water sport towing systems, chrome towers, ballast system, training boom and tunes on demand, and immediately assume that a summer spent on the water, developing skiing or wakeboarding skills is well beyond their ken.

They see the pricey boats, costly equipment and then look at the rising tollgate of fuel costs and immediately scratch powered water sports off the summer wish list.

mer wish list.

Craig Bowker says that local residents shouldn't be too quick to pull the pin.

Bowker runs Ski-Mazing Watersports School in Haliburton, and, starting this season, he would like to dispel the notion that wakeboarding, slalom skiing and barefooting are pursuits available only to the ubiquitous hordes of cottagers who descend upon the Highlands from June to September. He says that currently, only about five percent of his business involves participation of year-round Highlands' residents. Bowker would like to change that.

"I'd like to get our local residents involved," says Bowker. He is currently exploring Ladies' Nights and day camp options that would make slalom, wakeboarding, and towed water sports in general, available to a broader spectrum of the population.

Bowker, who has also taught alpine skiing at Sir Sam's Ski Area, says that there was a time, say three decades hence, when snow sports was seen as a rather elite pursuit, the domain of a favoured class and a sport of privilege. Today, a large number of local kids and families call Sir Sam's home during the winter. Part of that is marketing strategy, and part of that is a desire to present local residents with the attendant accoutrements of life in cottage country. Another significant cog in that marketing wheel was a commitment from the industry to make the sport accessible to a wide swath of the available populous. It's said that snowboarding opened mountains across the world to a new and vibrant demographic.

Bowker sees no reason why the same template could not apply to summer water sports. Wakeboarding is forging a new class of participation in water sports and there are attendant possibilities arising every year out on the cutting edge of the water sports world. This year, Bowker will be introducing a new craze called 'wakekiting', which tumbles the sport of wakeboarding with the emerging kiteboarding phenomenon by placing a kite on the towline, presenting air options, which quite literally expand a wakeboarders' vertical horizons.

Bowker will also be adding another 'new toy' to his armada, which already include a number of towable items like the banana sled, various tube toys and the gravity-defying Air Chair. This season, Bowker will be unveiling the 'powered board' to the mix. The board is powered by the same technology as the more recognizable wave runners, but is ridden in a standing or kneeling position, via a handle with throttle and controls. Simply put, it's a surfboard 'sans surf' or a wakeboard in 'no tow' mode.

He says that staying on top of the ever-expanding continuum of water toys is an integral part of his marketing strategy. Water sports and attendant options continue to evolve and Bowker would like to create an environment of compliant access.

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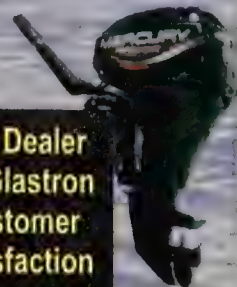
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Craig Bowker Adds a Few New Twists

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"I would certainly like to convey the message to local residents that they too can become involved in water sports," says Bowker. The irony inherent is that locals, who moved to cottage country to be close to all the concomitant activities, immediately assume that certain pursuits are verboten, out of reach by dint of the innate costs involved. Bowker is a resident now, but like a lot of locals, he migrated here because of summer memories.

Bowker grew up in Clinton, Ontario and he says that he still remembers making the grueling four-and-a-half hour drive to the family cottage in the Highlands every weekend during the late spring and summer. It was a long drive, but one that Bowker recalls fondly, because at the end of the journey there were the rocks, the trees and that other big benefit of life on the hardscrabble edge of the Canadian Shield: unlimited access to an infinite expanse of water.

"I started skiing at the age of four," says Bowker, "and over time I fell in love with the community."

Bowker is 41 now, has a full time job at Haliburton's Patient News where he's involved in sales and marketing, but come Victoria Day weekend he dons summertime persona, on the water with Ski-Mazing Watersports. His wife Laurie is involved in education at Cardiff Elementary, and their two sons, Weston, three, and Spencer, two, will both be up on the water under dad's watchful eye this summer.

That's why he sees local involvement as intrinsic to the continued growth of a community-based business. He would like his programming schedule to reflect an increase in participation at the local level.

"I work at Patient News in sales and marketing, and I apply those principles here (Ski-Mazing) as well," says Bowker.

This year he is exploring a number of options based on successful programs run by other water-ski and wakeboard schools in Canada and the U.S.

"I would really like to start a 'Women's Watersport Wednesdays program,'" says Bowker. The program would be modeled on other sports programs like ladies' day golf, curling or alpine skiing programs that are now fundamental options on the sports landscape.

"We could run it as an after-work program where a group of ladies come out and spend an hour or two on the water with professional guidance and instruction in whatever component of the sport they like," Says Bowker. "It's a package that would include food and beverage afterward and it's a program that we would run like Ladies' Night Golf."

Bowker says he has been involved in similar programs elsewhere in his career and he sees no reason why it couldn't become a vibrant alternative to women who are looking for a summer outlet.

"There are a lot of people who don't own a boat, but would like a weekly outing on the water," says Bowker. "It's an opportunity to get out and exercise, meet new people and join with friends in the water," says Bowker. "If there's an interest and I can pinpoint a need, then I'll do it," says Bowker. "My question is, can we provide a service like that in a package? I think that we can and I think it can be very successful. We have these wonderful resources in the community."

Bowker would also like to bring water sports to the local community via a series of children's camps aimed at kids from six to 16. "We're a full service water sports school and all of our instructors are certified in First Aid and CPR," says Bowker. He says that a summer water sport day camp could be offered as a viable and affordable option to regular summer day camps.

Bowker has also immersed himself in the development and support of a new summer sports program called Rip 'n Ride. It's a program that is destined to impact the sport or water-skiing and wakeboarding on a national scale.

Rip 'n Ride is a program developed by Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada to introduce the sport of towed waters sports to newcomers. Clinics are offered



through summer camps, water ski and wakeboard clubs, resorts, traveling clinics and other groups. They are delivered by qualified Water Ski Wakeboard Canada trained Rip 'n Ride instructors. Bowker's Ski-Mazing instructors will be integrated into the Rip 'n Ride brotherhood this spring and summer. A Rip 'n Ride clinic teaches beginners about water safety and the fundamentals of the sport using a system that promotes fun, progression and continued enjoyment in the sport. Looking forward, it will also integrate the sport along the lines of the Red Cross national swimming certification program.

A couple of years ago Bowker expanded his sightline and invested in a plan that would allow him to run a number of programs via access to two Mastercraft X-Series tow boats. When he started Ski-Mazing he was originally located on Drag Lake

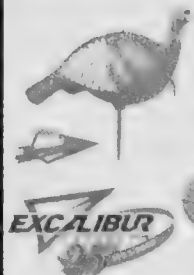
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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

WOW! It really is happening in Kinmount as the rebirth of another season approaches with the arrival of the Victoria Day Long Weekend, the unofficial beginning of summer.

This summer promises even more action than usual in Kinmount. On top of all our regular attractions, new this season is the 1st annual **Kinmount Kountry Jamboree, June 26 – 29** and a live performance from the swingin', rockin', blues and dance band, **The Rocket 88's on August 2**. Both events take place at Kinmount Fairgrounds. With a song list that covers 80 years of popular music, the Rocket 88's will deliver the goods. This all ages family evening begins at 5 p.m. with a BBQ and corn on the cob. Catch J.L. Avis and the Barn Burners on stage at 6 p.m. The Rocket 88's perform from 8 – 11 p.m. The event, licensed under LLBO, is a fundraiser for the "Bring Back the Ice" initiative, sponsored by Kinmount Lions Club and Kinmount Minor Sports. For advance tickets, call 705-488-2211. Dance tickets cost \$20. Check out the Rocket 88's

website at: rocket88s.ca

Special thanks to our Kinmount librarian Maryann, who went the extra mile, providing the 1st Kinmount, Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders with a delightful evening of Mother's Day stories, crafts and games on May 6. You rock Maryann!

May 16 - Highland Cinemas fully re-opens all 5 theatres along with the **historic film museum**. Monday Nights - All Seats All Shows Only \$5.00. Visit highlandscinemas.com or call 488-2199 for info.

May 17 - Kinmount's Farmers' Market opens for its 8th season and runs every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park until October 11. Regular vendors feature organic and locally grown produce, meats, honey, preserves and a great selection of beautifully handcrafted wares. With more new vendors and FREE gift basket draws on long weekends, there is something for everyone. Enjoy your visit! New vendors always welcome - Call 488-2612 for more info.

May 17 - Check out the Yard Sale at Kinmount Railway Station, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Spots for individuals to sell their treasures are available at a cost of \$20. Call 488-2282 or 488-2635. Sponsored by Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development.

May 17 & 18 - Kinmount Model Railroad Display at Kinmount Railway Station re-opens for the season every Saturday & Sunday.

May 17 & 18 - Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace celebrates its 10th anniversary year with their **We're 10 - Open House & Sale**, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., located on the lower level of Kinmount Community Centre. Enjoy a wide range of local handcrafts and fine art displayed for your gift giving or personal use and enjoyment. The variety includes pottery, stained glass, woodworking, knitting, quilting, sewing, paintings, photography and much more! Many items on sale at a 10 per cent discount. To add to the festive spirit there is a **free draw, yard sale, refreshments, demonstrations** and a **special guest**.

May 17 - The Friends of the Library are in business again with their next **Book Sale** taking place 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library. Who knows what treasures you may discover? Something new is a **Book Drop Bin** located outside the door. Good used books (no magazines, Readers Digests, encyclopedias or text books please) may be dropped off at any time.

May 17 - Kinmount United Church hosts its annual **Hot and Cold Buffet** at Kinmount Community Centre, serving from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tickets available at the door. For further information call 488-2129 or 4882014.

May 24 - The Royal Canadian Legion Annual Dinner and Tooney Auction. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a tooney auction with lots of great items. Call 488-3462 for more info.

May 31 - Don't miss the 1st Annual Yard Sale for the Cure hosted by **Re/Max County Town Realty**, 4980 Monck Road (Hwy. 45 West). Re/Max invites you to get involved in this most worthy cause to support breast cancer research by volunteering, shopping or being a vendor. Space is available for a minimum donation of 20 per cent of profits earned. Contact Dianne Spring at 488-3000.

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Ski-Mazing Water Sports Cont'd...

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A move over to Wigamog Inn Resort on Lake Kashagawigamog brought his school closer to the hub and gives him an added capacity to run weekend ski shows featuring the Ski-Mazing Show Team who perform water sports feats including clown acts, wakeboard flips, backwards barefooting, Air Chair jumps, and the 5 man pyramid. Show times and dates for the summer series vary pending sunset and weather.

Ski-Mazing is also – through their Ski Mobility program – available to bring a boat to a cottage, renting out packages of water sport fun for anniversaries, birthdays, reunions or other celebrations.

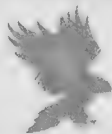
"My passion is for teaching, and if I can apply that to my love for water sports that's an accomplishment," says Bowker, who will be out on the water beginning Victoria Day weekend when Ski-Mazing opens for the 2008 season. (They will operate from Victoria Day to June 20th on a weekends-only basis, but after that



it's back to a seven-day-per-week schedule until Labor Day.)

"I love to see the smiles on the faces of students who have accomplished something that they, maybe, didn't think was possible," adds Bowker.

"This is my ultimate job," smiles Bowker. "I'm one of the lucky ones ... able to make a living doing something that I really enjoy."



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Festival of Banners: Beautifying Minden For The Second Year

By George Farrell

Andy Warhol once said "Art is anything you can get away with". I remember hearing that many years ago, and the phrase has stuck with me ever since. When you think about it, it's a tremendously liberating and empowering phrase, because it does away with pre-conceived concepts of what art is, or should be, and at the same time it gives many more people the opportunity and the will to express themselves through various media.

So it was with anticipation and not trepidation that yours truly went off to contribute to the second annual Festival of Banners, by actually painting his own. The original template that I had submitted had been accepted, and I was chuffed.

The process is fairly easy. You project your original artwork on to the ready-made banner, and outline the salient details in pencil. From there your banner is hung, and you collect your colours from a rainbow-like selection, which is set out on a large table. There are numerous brushes in various sizes to choose from, and there are always people there to help you along. But it all unfolds as it should. You just simply follow your own outlines and fill in with the colours that you've chosen, or mixed yourself.

The banners require that you paint both sides, so when you paint one side you'll notice that the paint seeps through to the other side. This is helpful actually because it means that you don't have to outline the other side with pencil lines, you just use the guidelines of the paint which has seeped through. It's also handy that the old Times building, where the painting takes place, has large windows. When you are painting the second side, if you use the windows as a backdrop, the light coming through the banner shows you the areas where you've missed a spot. The whole process takes a while, maybe 15 hours in total, so you don't try to rush. There's music playing on the radio, a coffee machine is nearby, people are always bringing donuts or home made cookies along, and there's always other people making their banners, to talk to, or get ideas from.

I spread my painting over three days, and Michelle and I made it a fun, social event. Michelle's excellent design of a sailboat had also been accepted, and Stan Farrell, my dad, was also there painting his banner, which showed wine, food and music. My own banner consisted of a clown. 'How very appropriate,' I can hear some of you saying.

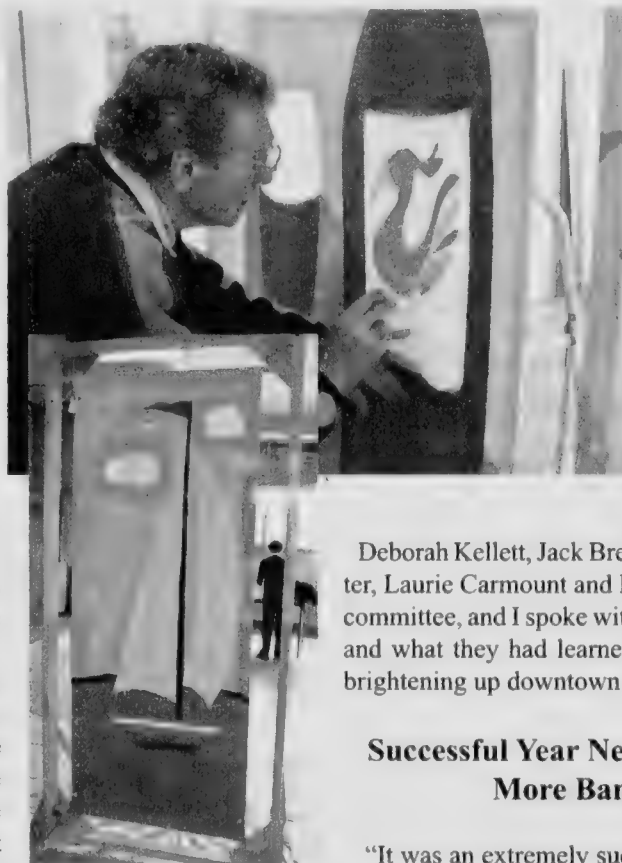
The theme this year was "My Favorite _____".

After the painting is finished and you've washed your brushes and returned your unused paint to the table, your banner is hung in a display area next to other drying banners. I must say that seeing

your own work in a line of others is an uplifting experience, and at the same time you feel a sense of community with all the other painters, many of whom are also doing it for the first time. It's just a great experience, and I urge all those who have ever given a thought that they might like to paint, to give it a try.

The banners this year seemed to me to fit into two styles of thought.

There were those that represented a 'folk art' technique, where a great deal of time was given over to some meticulous detail, and then there were those banners which showed a more graphic approach, where large blocks of colour defined the subject. Both approaches work. When they are finally hung outside on the lamp standards, the 'folk art' banners will demand that you spend more time looking at the detail, while the graphic approach will let you see the design more readily if you're glancing up as you drive, pedal or walk by.



Deborah Kellett, Jack Brezina, Cammy George, Marc Shroetter, Laurie Carmount and Diane Graham, make up the banner committee, and I spoke with Deborah about this year's festival and what they had learned from last years initial foray into brightening up downtown Minden.

Successful Year Nets \$1,125 Through Sales – More Banners This Year!!

"It was an extremely successful first year," Deborah states, "and it was very well received by the community. We auctioned off the banners after it was all over, and people were coming from everywhere to buy them. Susan Murray, who owns Canada's biggest folk art collection, bought five or six. The highest price paid was \$205 for the banner which depicted the Bowron House. People were very passionate about the banners they had chosen, and some were very disappointed when they couldn't buy the one they wanted. Every single adult banner was sold." Kids from Archie Stouffer made smaller banners, and they got to keep theirs.

"We raised \$1,125 through sales, the majority of which went back into this year's festival," Deborah continues. "This year's going very smoothly because after doing it once we're more organized." There are also more banners this year. The inaugural year saw 20 adult banners and 19 public school banners which were displayed on lamp standards from the CIBC building along Bobcaygeon Rd, over the bridge, and up to the Cultural Centre. This year, there are plans to increase the numbers to 25 children's banners, and 41 adult banners (which include those of high schoolers). The banners this

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year will incorporate last year's space as well as being extended in the other direction along Bobcaygeon Rd from the CIBC towards the IGA and Hwy. 35.

"Next year," says Deborah, "we plan to go

along Water Street, as well. We'll add another 20 banners. We do it 20 at a time due to the cost. The arms alone, (which connect the banners to the lamp standards), are over \$2,000 for 20 banners. That's why we need the auction, and support from the community. It costs almost \$200/banner. In addition to the auction, funding has come from HCDC, the Township of Minden Hills, which also contributes in kind, Hydro One, which also contributes in kind, local sponsorship, and community supporters."

"The banners this year are beautiful, extremely colourful, and a lot of fun," says Deborah Kellett. "We have new artists this

year and many repeat artists, but I want to stress that this is neither a professional artist's event, nor a specific children's even. It's for anyone who has a desire to come and paint. Some people maybe start off not being comfortable with



the process, but they all end up really enjoying it. We've had beautiful banners made by people who have never painted anything before."

The proposed date to have all the banners hung is the May long weekend. After the banners have been hung there will be People's Choice Awards of first second and third prizes in four categories. Ballot details regarding the awards will be available soon. In the meantime, Deborah encourages people to come to the old Times building at 134 Bobcaygeon Rd, anywhere from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to check on the progress of the banners. "I'd like to encourage people to start thinking about entering next year," Deborah says, "when the theme will be based around Minden's Sesqui-Centennial."

For anyone who has any questions, Deborah Kellett can be found at the Storeroom, 136 Bobcaygeon Rd., right next door to the former Times building. You can phone her at (705) 286-1424. ■

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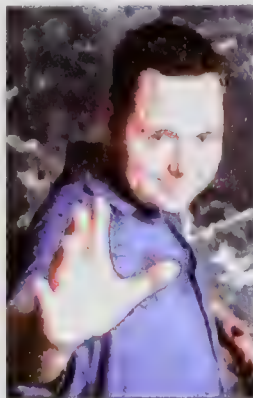
Members of the audience will become the stars of the show at Chris Frolic's Comedy Hypnosis Show, scheduled for Sunday, May 18 at the Minden Community Centre. During his show, Frolic takes willing participants from the audience and makes them believe they are celebrities, lottery winners, vacationers in exotic locales - all without leaving the room.

Ordinarily conservative audience members, and even those who aren't conservative, will undergo a complete transformation. The actions that Frolic puts them through are hilarious to the audience members, and to those on stage it becomes their reality. Of course, the pandemonium is all great fun and will have the audience laughing non-stop from start to finish during this special appearance.

Frolic said of his upcoming show, "I'm excited at the opportunity to present my comedy hypnosis show for the Minden Hills community. During the performance we will have fun and lots of laughs. It will be exciting and the show will involve a number of audience members. The individuals who volunteer for hypnosis are the ones who will have the most fun."

Hypnosis shows are very unique entertainment and have been called one of the greatest shows on earth. It combines the fun of total audience participation with the incredible abilities of the mind. You will laugh and applaud for your friends and family up on stage, performing as you have never seen them before. For instance, the quietest introvert will oftentimes become the greatest star.

Every person that has a strong desire may be hypnotized. "It may be worth



mentioning nobody is ever forced to participate on stage," said Frolic. "The traditional hypnotic show in the past had humour at the expense of audience members, but during my show I make the audience members the stars. I try to highlight and accentuate the talents and creativity of our volunteers. We do nothing to embarrass them. I know that may disappoint a few individuals, but it makes for a more enjoyable show for everyone."

Chris Frolic is one of Canada's top hypnotic entertainers regularly performing across the country. He is a graduate of the Stage Hypnosis Centre and underwent his formal hypnotist training in Las Vegas. Chris Frolic is also a contributing author of industry textbook "The Guide to Modern Stage Hypnosis" as well as the author of several hypnosis audio programs to help people lose weight, quit smoking, beat stress and achieve their goals.

In conclusion Frolic said, "I hope to see everyone at the show, and oh yes, it is for real. If you have any doubts, join us and volunteer!"

Frolic, a crowd favourite sure to attract a huge attendance, has had his abilities put to the test and enjoyed all over Canada, as well as having appeared on CityTV's "Breakfast Television" and he recently starred in the television pilot "Tranced Invaders".

The Chris Frolic Comedy Hypnosis Show appears for a special performance at The Minden Community Centre on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Show time is at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at The Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office, the Minden Arena, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton and at the door. All seats are \$15 each. For more information contact 286-1936.



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From Saturday, May 17 – Sunday, May 18, the annual Charity Yard Sale for Cystic Fibrosis will be hosted for another year by the Minden Kin Club. This event will take place at 26 Prince St. in Minden.

If you have items that might be sitting around, collecting dust, then maybe you should consider bring them in for this yard sale. For information on drop-off locations and times, or on how to be a vendor at the event call Karin at (705) 286-1171.

Gooderham's 2nd Annual Plant and Treasures Sale – May 17

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Gooderham Town Centre

The Gooderham Beautification Committee is having a plant and treasures sale once again. This sale benefits the town of Gooderham to beautify the town centre. There will be many vendors set up in the centre of town by the post office. If you would like a space contact Sharon Stoughton-Craig at (705) 447-3300 or come join us in the event. The fire dept. is also having a barbecue at the same time. Come for lunch.

Get Your Back Up Off The Wall!

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is going to be clearing their gallery walls for the ever popular "OFF THE WALL" sale where various pieces of art and collectables will be up for grabs! You'll never know what surprises could be waiting for you!

If you have items sitting around the house that could be considered art but are just sitting collecting dust, then bring them on over to the gallery before Friday, May 30 at 5 p.m.. Your "junk" could very well end up being another person's treasure! Examples of ideal collectibles include books, tea cups or magazine collections.

After you drop off these hidden gems, the gallery will do the rest of the work for you. All you have to do is set a price on your stuff!

Doors will be open at 10 am each day and 25 per cent from the sales will go directly to the gallery for future acquisitions. For more information contact Laurie Carmount at 705-286-3763.

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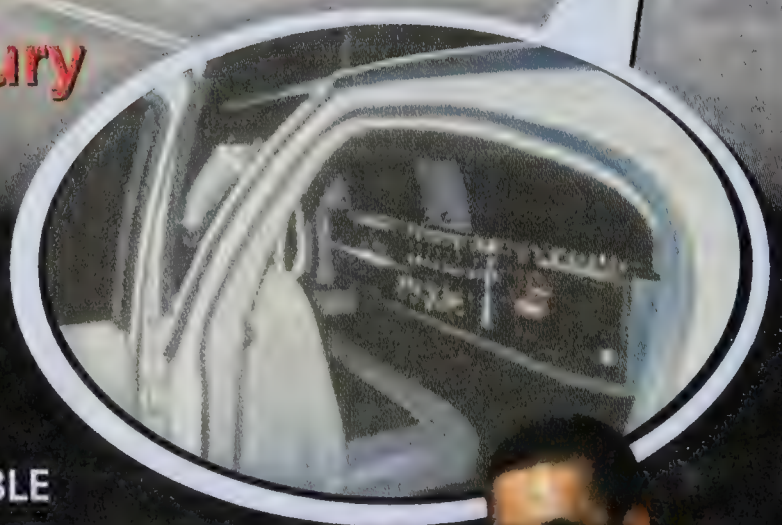
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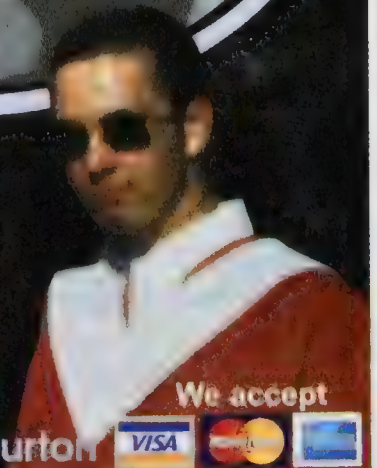
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The Wigamog is not new territory for Robert, as he was previously the food and beverage manager for the Wigamog, before heading to the Muskokan Resort Club on Lake Joseph, where it's certain he picked up some ideas for his new post on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog. Robert has brought with him a more professional outlook which he wants to impart to all his staff. "We want to bring back the local families to the Wigamog," he says, "and we want to offer them excellent customer service."

With the burgeoning rise in high-end home and cottage construction in our county, due in part to the overflow from the Muskokas, there are more people than ever before who want to dine out and be entertained, on a regular basis. Many of these people are used to excellence in their evenings out, and expect the same in the Highlands. There are also those people who, while maybe not able to eat out as regularly, still want the occasional foray afield to be something special.

Meet New Chef Gailand Pyke

To that end the Wigamog has a new chef. His name is Gailand Pyke. Though original from South Western Ontario, Gailand has lived in B.C. for 25 years. He has worked for many years honing his craft by way of many culinary courses and employment as chef in such prestigious places as The Anchor Inn in Campbell River, B.C., a five-star resort. "I wanted to come back east to be closer to family," Gailand reveals. "I really enjoy resorts and hotels in smaller communities. I feel you meet more interesting people. It's so gorgeous here," he says, looking out over

the misty lake from the confines of one of the beautiful Wigamog dining rooms. "I find that the people I've met are so friendly."

People are likely to be even more friendly after they've experienced some of the dishes on the menu. "For a start, a lot of the produce will be fresh, and we'll use foods produced locally in-season, wherever we can." Gesturing to the placid waters of the lake, he says. "And we'll be offering fish like pickerel, that can be found in the local waters." A quick perusal of a recent menu reveals items like Lemon Pepper Pickerel, Lamb Chops Chasseur, a Butternut Squash soup, and an Apple Custard Flan.

The Wigamog has always had the beautiful lakeside and lake-view settings. The three dining rooms are really one large room with three distinct areas, giving a feeling of easy intimacy to each space. There's also a large banquet room.

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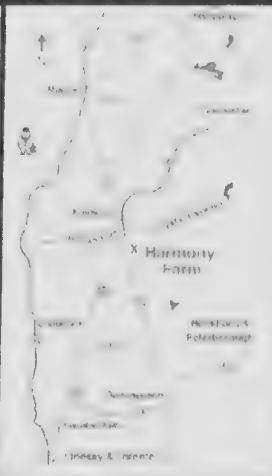
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There's lots of light in the dining rooms, and the collective ambience makes it one of the most pleasant dining experiences in our county, which oddly enough, given the huge number of lakes, is sadly lacking in waterside dining experiences.

"I'm really looking forward to a busy and rewarding summer season," Chef Pyke says. I've been here since October, and it's given me time to get used to things. I do a little of everything, and I really love banquets and buffets. I'll oversee 14 chefs in the peak season, and it's my responsibility to see that everything is prepared correctly, do the menu planning and introduce new recipes. The menu will change constantly, and there'll be new items on the menu every day, depending on seasonality."

Gailand also specializes in food sculpture in tallow, ice. It's not just about the taste of the food, it's also about presentation, and things like the sculptures are all 'value added' touches which can make those special occasions whether they're wedding banquets or conferences that much more enjoyable.

Another nice touch, starting on May 17 from 6-9 p.m., are the piano stylings of John Menzies, who will be heard in the Shutters dining room. His music will be discreetly piped into the other small and large dining rooms. John has a large repertoire of popular music, jazz and blues to

dip in to for your added enjoyment while you dine.

Sunday brunches have long been popular to many Highland residents, and coming soon to the Wigamog will be all-you-can-eat Sunday brunches. It'll be buffet style, featuring a wide variety of staple breakfast and lunch items, and some specialty dishes such as eggs benedict. There will also be some sea food items available.



The Moose Bar And Grill Promises Some Exciting Experiences

While there is certainly a market for refined dining, so too is there one for dining in a more relaxed atmosphere, where eating finger food is the norm. The Wigamog has the previously much-maligned Moose Bar and Grill to fill the function of such dining, while also providing a venue more geared to families who want to bring their kids, and for young people especially, who on limited budget, want to eat, and

listen to some good music afterwards. That's not to say that the Moose isn't for those adults who want a slightly different dining and drinking experience. Read on, but first a word or two about the Moose.

It has a history of being a 'local' pub to some locals, and also a meeting place for younger clients staying at the Wigamog, which is right next door. It's always had the potential to be a really dynamic space, but for a variety of reasons it's never really lived up to that potential, in spite of features like a really nice patio overlooking the lake. That's all about to change. So says food and beverage manager Debbie Templeton. "At the Moose you can go for drinks and bar snacks, but it also has a full menu featuring burgers, nachos, chicken wings and pizza." That's typical bar fare to be found in many locations throughout the county, and there's occasions where such a menu fits the bill exactly. It's not a menu however that's going to pull the Moose out of the doldrums. This observation prompts Debbie and Gailand into spilling the beans about new Moose maneuvers.

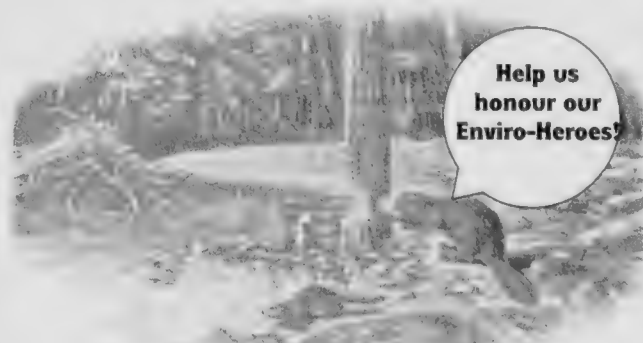
"In the Moose, we're going to be introducing food that's new to the area," Debbie states. It'll be more of a Tex-Mex menu, with sizzling fajitas." Gailand explains that fajitas are something like a taco. "It comes to your table in a red-hot pan and the chicken, steak or shrimp, with mixed peppers, is served on to warm tortillas. You can add your own combination of lettuce, tomato sour cream and sauce, and basically build your own custom fajita right at your table."

We'll have a wing night and the wings will come with various sauce options," continues Debbie. "There'll be drinks nights which will em-

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phasize the Tex-Mex theme; drinks like margaritas, pina colodas, and daiquiries. We'll also be featuring some specialty beers." Now, this all sounds more like it, and offers many more reasons for the young and the young at heart to frequent the Moose. But that's not all. The Moose will be offering a variety of entertainment like improv', magic and comedy nights, as well as the ever-popular Karaoke for you would-be warblers out there.

As if all that wasn't enough to entice people to the Moose, Debbie mentions the fact that there's two pool tables, and big screen televisions for watching sport events, like the Stanley Cup Playoffs. There are already five arcade games, and coming soon there'll be another 10-12 new ones to enjoy.

Starting in June, with additional dates in July and August, look for the excellent Dance and Party band Generations, featuring musicians from Bancroft. An added bonus: there's no cover charge. With its impressive new direction, The Moose looks like it's destined to be a hot spot for the foreseeable future.

Pool Open To The Public

The Wigamog has something unique to the Highlands; a salt-water indoor pool, which is open to the public. Right next to the pool is a smaller circular pool which the children can use if they want. Pool passes for the public are extremely reasonable: \$8.40 /day including tax, for adults, \$5.25/day including tax, for children aged 4 to 12, (under 4 years free), and for a family of four, \$21/day. There are monthly passes to be had as well, and the Wigamog will entertain party and group rates.

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General Manager Robert Henry has already accomplished a lot in a short period of time. In addition to everything already mentioned he's overseen the laying of new carpets in some of the most requested units at the Wigamog, seen new furniture installed, as well as some new chairs in the dining area. "We'd like people to come and see some of the changes that we've done," says Robert. "There's a new sense of pride, and there's still more to do-it's a work in progress."

When all is said and done, for any business which deals directly with the public, it's the people who make the difference. If Chef Gailand Pyke, Food and Beverage Manager Debbie Templeton and General Manager Robert Henry are any indication, the Wigamog with all it has to offer, is definitely heading in the right direction.

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Pictured: Head Chef Gailand Pyke and tallow sculpture; Food and Beverage Manager Debbie Templeton and Gailand Pike; General Manager Robert Henry and salt water pool

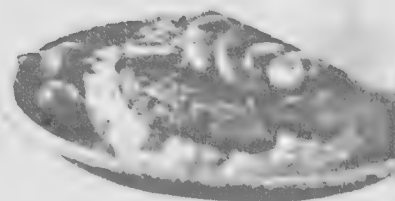
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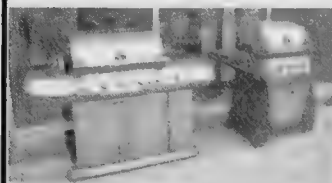


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When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a few minutes. When I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. "When you finish cutting the grass," I said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalk."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

♥ the flickchick by Ashley McAllister

Movies for May 20th:

Drama

Air I Breathe

The Walker

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National Treasure Book of Secrets

Untraceable

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Movies for May 27th:

Drama

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Big Releases

National Treasure Book of Secrets: with Nicolas Cage, Justin Bartha, Diane Kruger

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Rated: PG **Length:** 1h 44 min.

Starring: Katie Holmes, Queen Latifah, Diane Keaton

It's all about living life and beating the system in this comedic caper, starring Hollywood's most entertaining and featuring the creative genius of filtering the day to day distress of never having enough into the actions of three very desperate, very decent women. What do you do when you find yourself unemployed and fighting to the bitter end to keep up with your upper class comrades? If your Bridget Cardigan, you might decide to rob a bank, with the help of lucrative pals Jackie and Nina and some hilarious luck sure to entertain. Packed full of witty humour, Ocean's 11-worthy cons, and lovable characters, this movie is the perfect film when your feeling like you'll never catch up with the rest of the world. With a motivating go-for-it attitude and a humbling monetary message, *Mad Money* has just enough madness to keep you laughing until the very end!

Quote of the Movie:

Bridget Cardigan: You didn't think I'd leave you guys did you?
Jackie, Nina, Don: Yes?

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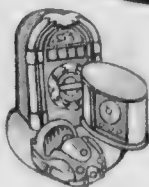


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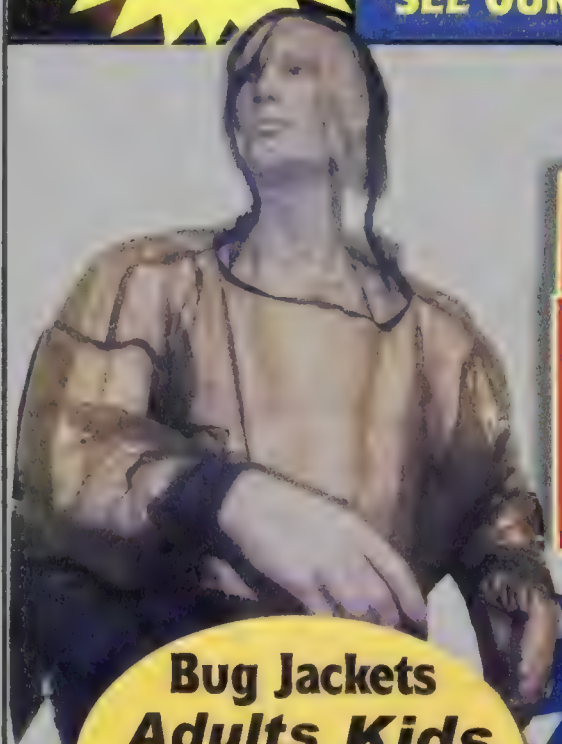
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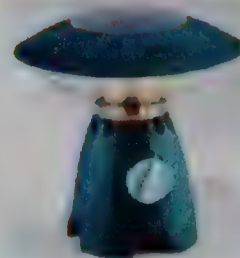
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A Season of Laughs, A Few Tears & Murder & Mayhem

2008 Summer Festival Features Outstanding Entertainment

Coming right up: a season of laughs, a few tears, murder, mayhem and beautiful music. The Highlands Summer Festival and the Highlands Opera Studio are gearing up for the coming season.

"We have an outstanding summer of entertainment set to go," Artistic Producer Scot Denton stated last week. "The season has something for everyone from side-splitting comedy to endearing story from an award winning Canadian author to a gripping thriller that will surprise you at every turn. The Festival also includes concerts, featuring outstanding performances in classical and contemporary music. And, the Highlands Opera Studio returns for its second season with stellar performances by Canada's emerging opera singers."

The season opens Monday, June 30 with the Larry Shue Comedy, *The Foreigner*. The setting, a fishing lodge in rural Georgia. A British demolition expert arrives with a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie, who is overcome with fear of making conversation with strangers. So everyone is told that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once his friend leaves on business, the fun really begins, as Charlie, *The Foreigner*, overhears more than he should. What he hears fuels the nonstop hilarity of the play and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys," and the "good guys" emerge triumphant. Directed by Ralph Small. *The Foreigner* also plays July 1 to 4 and 9 to 11.

The Award Winning play, *Trying*, by Canadian Joanna Glass, opens on Monday, July 14. A young Canadian from the prairies finds herself next in a long series of secretaries to Francis Biddle, the crusty former Attorney General under Roosevelt and a Nuremberg judge. Based on the author's personal experience, the play is set in 1967, during the last year of Biddle's life and pits the elderly politico, who knows his time is limited, against a young woman, eager to do her best, but unwilling to be cowed by Biddle's cantankerous attitude. The intersection of American and Canadian perspectives and of youth and age, provides ample material for the author to explore the relationship from a variety of angles. The author of *Trying*, Glass has become one of Canada's most respected playwrights. Directed by Scot Denton. *Trying* also plays July 15 to 18 and 23 to 25.

The thriller, *Deathtrap* opens on Monday, July 28. Comfortably ensconced in his charming Connecticut home, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of thrillers, is struggling to overcome a "dry" spell. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student he met in a seminar at a nearby college. He recognizes the thriller, *Deathtrap*, as a potential Broadway hit. Sidney's plan is to offer to work collaboratively with the student, an idea which the younger man quickly accepts. It is then the plot begins to twist and turn with devilish cleverness, and with such an abundance of thrills and laughter, that audiences will be held enthralled until the final, startling moments. By the author of *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Boys From Brazil* and the *Stepford Wives*.

Directed by Marianne McIssac. *Deathtrap* also plays July 29 to August 1 and August 6 to 8.

The first Concert of the season, *Double Trouble*, opens Monday, July 7. **Melissa Stephens** is back, in a show developed by Artistic Producer **Scot Denton**, and she has brought two young singers with her...one from the world of Opera and the other from the bright lights of Broadway. Their task is to compare and contrast the two musical styles to Melissa's accompaniment. Along the way the three musicians illustrate the finer points of each genre and discover there isn't much difference between the two after all. Three musicians, three concerts, three great evenings of entertainment...*Double Trouble* July 7, 22 and August 4.

Another outstanding Festival Concert, *Under the Influence*, opens July 11. The musical tradition at Highlands Summer Festival continues this year with the return of flautist **Tom Regina** and pianist and singer **Lauren McInnes** to the Festival stage. They will be joined by harpist **Dawna Coleman**, who added so much musically to last season's production of

The Fantasticks. As they weave their magic, you will be *Under the Influence* with music selections from classical to contemporary. The three concerts are sure to delight and entertain. With a script by Kerry Riley, *Under the Influence* takes to the stage July 11, 21 and August 5.

The Highlands Opera Studio, with Artistic Directors **Richard Margison** and **Valerie Kuinka**, returns with two performance opportunities: an *Opera Excerpts Concert* on August 15; and *Three Fantastic Nights of Opera*, with two, one-act comedic operas, August 25, 27 and 29.

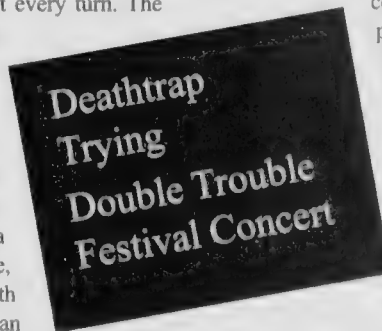
The participants in this season's Highlands Opera Studio present an evening of their favourites from best-loved operas of the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear familiar arias, duets, choruses and more...all in one evening. The *Opera Excerpts Concert* is a single event presentation and tickets will sell quickly.

After three weeks of intensive training, the ten aspiring opera singers showcase their talents, as they present two one-act comedic operas in *Three Fantastic Nights of Opera*, August 25, 27 and 29. Also, watch for Opera Master Classes, scheduled for August 7, 8 and 9 at the Minden United Church.

With an invitation to "Do Something Dramatic This Summer", Festival Producer David Mills notes, "It doesn't have to be an expensive evening out. We have great talent, a varied program and a comfortable experience in the air conditioned Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton at a very affordable price."

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County Legend Johnny Burke is Proud to Call Haliburton Home

by Tyson Farrell

If you are a fan of Canadian country music, the odds are you've heard of Johnny Burke. He has been a mainstay of the country music scene for more than 40 years. He has multiple Country Music Awards, been in several best-selling bands, and been a regular character on definitive Canadian television shows. Many of his songs, such as "Wild Honey," are now considered Canadian country classics. Burke has helped define the country music scene, and as a son of New Brunswick, he was recently inducted into their Country Music Hall of Fame. Citizens of the Highlands should consider themselves lucky, because Johnny Burke recently took up permanent residence in Haliburton County.

I was fortunate to sit down with Burke and his wife Teresa in their beautiful new home on Calico Road. "I've been pickin' and grinnin' since 1960," Burke begins. "I was inspired by country musicians like Merle Haggard and George Jones. Being a young man of 17, there was not much work in New Brunswick, so I came to Ontario. I worked in everything from a hat factory, to a bakery, to a print shop. I worked day jobs until my musical performances paid enough." When Burke started getting gigs, his musical career quickly took off. "I played at the Horseshoe Tavern and the Drake in Toronto for many years. I also toured across Canada many times... I was a studio musician for years, playing bass. I recorded with Graham Townsend, and lots of others. I've personally released about 12 or 13 of my own albums."

As I drink coffee and talked with Burke, his wife leaves the room. She returns a few moments later with an armful of musical awards. Being a humble man, Burke looks bashful when he sees what his wife is carrying. She sets the awards down on the table in front of me, and I read some of them. To my astonishment, four of them are Country Music Awards. "Group of the Year-1975, Single of the Year-1978, Best Instrumental Group-1978, Best Instrumental Group-1979," they read. The awards that sit in front of me are objects that many musicians dream of possessing, but few are fortunate enough to win. Amazed, I continue to question Burke. "I was on the TV show 'At the Caribou' for five years as the bass player for the house band," he says. "I was also the band leader on the show 'The Funny Farm' on CTV. I made guest appearances on others shows as well."

Burke informs me that he and his wife moved to Newmarket fifteen years ago to settle down a bit. While in Newmarket, Burke spent some time working in carpentry, designing kitchen cabinetry. "My father was a carpenter, and I was always interested in what

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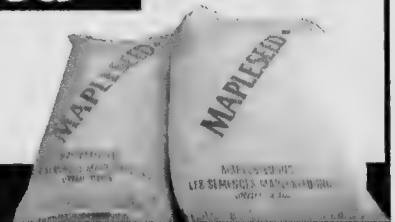
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he did when I was young. So I used to watch him all the time, and I learned the trade from him."

As I spoke with Burke, I wondered how he ended up in Haliburton County. "My wife has relatives that own timeshares on Kasha-gawigamog. We used to come up here and visit, and we fell in love with the area." They wanted to leave Newmarket and move to the country, so they purchased land near

Tweed. "As I was about to sign the ownership papers for the Tweed property, I realized that I didn't feel right. I realized that I didn't want to be in Tweed. I wanted to be in Haliburton," Teresa spoke. The couple rented in Carnarvon for a year before buying three acres outside of Haliburton Village last January. Burke's carpentry skills proved useful, because he decided to build his new house himself.

"We love Haliburton," speaks Teresa. "We absolutely adore it. It felt like home the first day we moved here. Haliburton is so friendly and gorgeous that it feels like we're back in the Maritimes." Although Burke is new to the Highlands, he has quickly become an active member of the community. He performs for local charities, and stages shows at both hospitals once a month. He played at the Community Cares Fundraiser last year, and will be doing so again this summer. Burke has also spent time absorbing the local music scene. "We listen to canoe FM all the time, and we've gone to the Carnarvon Hair Lounge to see the open stages. We also went to the musical festival this year and listened to the children perform," Burke says. "Haliburton has a lot of great musicians. I'm finally getting to meet the local musicians, and I'm really enjoying it."

As much as Burke loves being in Haliburton, he does not spend all of his time here. He continues to tour eastern Canada, performing regularly in concerts. When Burke is in Haliburton, he is not idle. He works on his home and prepares for concerts which he holds in his house.

"This house was designed to have concerts in," he says. To prove his point, he opens up a small door, and out slides a full soundboard designed to control musical performances. "Once a month, my wife and I host concerts. I bring in some musicians, and we play on the stage for a couple of hours. We play traditional country music. It's not loud, it's acoustic. The concert is only for 66 people, which makes it personable and intimate...when I give these performances, I feel like I'm singing to only one person. At the same time, each member of the audience feels like I'm singing to them. It's almost like its one-on-one."



Burke's house seems like the ideal place to hold an intimate concert. The main room of the house is vast, easily the size of a small gym. There is a stage built on one side, and ample seating room for an audience of 66. There are also large picture windows which offer a beautiful view of the Haliburton wilderness. As if attending an intimate concert hosted by such an influential country artist is not amazing enough, Burke and his wife also provide a selection of food and drink for the audience to enjoy. Furthermore, Burke will be bringing in some big country names in the future. The Good Brothers, "The International Ambassador of Country Music"

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Eastman are a few of the country musicians that plan to play with Burke in his Haliburton home.

The concerts that Burke and his wife are hosting seem like the ultimate country music experience. They will no doubt be a valuable addition to the cultural mosaic of Haliburton. As Highlanders, we should realize how fortunate we are to share our community with as fine a musician and gentlemen as Johnny Burke.

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We Survived The Winter Celebration Fundraiser

The goofy moose is having a 'we survived the winter' celebration on the Victoria Day weekend, to 'literally' celebrate surviving the economic winter that all Minden and Haliburton retailers have to endure. "The retail cycle is feast or famine in this county, and we are looking forward to feast of the cottage season, so that we can not only help ourselves, but continue our mission to help others," says owner Walter vanderWindt.

"To start our first cottage season, The Goofy moose is hosting a fundraiser, as part of our charity bookstore," he says.

"Our charity book store has two missions to fight poverty....

On is to collect books for schools in the Philippines, and sell books to pay for shipping and send children to school. (this year we



aim to have 40 students have their school years tuition paid through our efforts, and we aim to send more than 6000 books to 4 schools this year)

The other is to focus on the Canadian homeless problem, by setting up motivational libraries in homeless shelters, and take homeless persons off the street, one at a time.

The fundraiser on the Victoria Day weekend is focused on helping one homeless person off the street this year."

In 2003 Walter vanderWindt met Al Weston who was living on the streets in Toronto. He fed him, put him up at a motel, and hired him to work for a day, and then put him on a flight home to British Columbia, where he had more resources and more family support to get him going again on the right track.

In November 2007, Walter and his wife Alma met Crazy Dave living on the street in Ottawa. He was selling poetry written on cardboard. The poetry shows his intelligence, his love of life; sometimes his pain of being ignored, and his predicament of living on the street. We bought most of his poetry and gave him a good bonus, and we will be exhibiting and selling his poetry during the fundraiser.

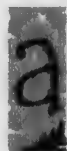
"We will also take donations, and will sell a 3ft moose valued at \$209 plus taxes for \$200 cash for the fundraiser, as well as several other carvings," explains Walter, adding, "we are also looking for more motivational books to add to our collection to start our first motivational library at a homeless shelter this summer."

He continues, "this summer, our goal is to raise a minimum of \$5000 for one 'Against Poverty Scholarship'. The program is designed to get someone back on their feet. The chosen candidate will be send through a Dale Carnegie motivational program. Three months rent will be paid, new clothing will be provided, and a monthly living budget will be provided for three months while he or she searches for a job."

In June, Walter will start making presentations to local clubs about his missions, and is looking for more venues to share his thoughts about a 'giving a helping hand is to help yourself'

If you are interested in getting the word out about our event, please call Walter or Alma at The Goofy Moose 286-3500 or the Gallery 454-1701 or after 6pm at home 454-0465

On Saturday May 3rd, 220 people gathered at the Arts Council ~Haliburton Highlands Gala to honour artists and arts supporters from all disciplines of the arts in Haliburton County.



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The Beaver Theatre:

Minden Landmark Gets New Owner

by George Farrell

Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin, is the new owner of the Beaver theatre, and at the risk of anthropomorphizing the venerable old building, it's probably breathing a sigh of relief that it wasn't torn down to make way for a (gasp) parking lot.

That the Beaver (and we all love still that name) will not be torn down is one thing, but Ludu ("it's what my friends call me"), has plans far beyond the mere saving of an old building. She wants to see it brought up to code, but beyond that she has ideas and concepts which will impact not only those interested in the arts, but everyone in

the greater Minden area who cares about the revitalization of the downtown core-and make no mistake, the renovated, retooled and revamped Beaver will impact significantly on the revitalization efforts.

Ludu, though she presently lives in Toronto where she is a consultant for a brokerage firm, is no stranger to our area. Her mother was friends with the Patterson's who owned Camp Gay Venture, and who had a hand in the early days of the Stratford Festival. Ludu consequently has been coming to the Highlands since she was 5 years old. She has owned properties in the Moore Falls area and on the Drag River, and she's presently in the middle of renovations on her new place, situated on Eagle Lake Rd. It's to her Eagle



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Big Plans for the Beaver Theatre

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Lake property Ludu hopes to retire in a year or two.

It was just a few months ago that Ludu Martin was having dinner with friends when one of them told her that The Beaver was up for sale. They all started talking about the great potential for the building so beautifully located along the Gull river. Ludu, on impulse, made the decision to purchase the property. She comes across as a woman who, once her mind is made up, is going to stick with it through hell and high water.

The owners of the Beaver and the Moulou in Haliburton had been Lou and Molly Consky. Unfortunately Lou passed away during negotiations, and after a reasonable amount of time negotiations concluded with Alan Consky, the son of Molly and Lou. Eventually we decided on a price," Ludu says. "Word got out and there were offers to sell with the intention to flip, before the deal was even closed. I took Alan at his word, and his word was good, and the deal eventually settled. I'm delighted to own such an icon in the community."

"It was such a snap decision to buy, but friends and strangers have come to me with a wildfire of ideas as to what to do with it," Ludu continues. "The co-operation and willingness to help from everyone is going to make this happen."

Its obvious that she can't do it all by herself, especially seeing as how the majority of her time in the near future will be spent in Toronto; so Ludu has formed a partnership as a joint venture, to run the theatre's requirements. The other two partners are contractor Robert Luke and Century 21 Real Estate agent Dagmar Boettcher.

Ludu and Dagmar met through mutual friends. Dagmar, was formerly engaged in corporate audit work in Toronto before she moved up in '02.

Robert Luke, has lived in the Highlands since 1963, where he's worked on numerous renovation and restoration projects. He was working on renovating Ludu's house when she told him of her latest purchase. "As soon as she said that she'd bought the Beaver theatre, I wanted to be involved," he says. "It's such a unique opportunity."

The Beaver As It Stands

"The building is in disrepair," understates Ludu Martin. "Rob had hired Brian Kernohan to do some structural drawings," and it was Brian's determination that the building didn't need to be torn down. The plan is to leave the building with its present 'footprint'. "There is some need for re enforcement with the walls," Rob states. "It needs an upgrade to the electrical system, and some modification for accessibility, but we will bring it up to code." It goes without saying that the reno' will include coats of paint on exterior and interior.

The Beaver Theatre Of The Future

Although the exact date is hard to determine, the idea is to have the Beaver re-opening coincide with the Minden sesquicentennial celebrations, which will take place during the summer and fall of 2009. Ludu is keeping details of the renovated exterior 'look' of

the building close to her vest, but offers mysteriously that "the outside will have a stunning new facade, with artistic and community involvement."

She's already done a lot of homework, and Ludu realizes the need for a well-conceived business plan, a pre-requisite to submitting proposals for assistance, to agencies like HCDC and the Ontario Arts Council. Her vision for the Beaver is broad and far reaching. In her own words: "The Beaver Theatre intends to offer a multi-purpose special events facility to the Haliburton Highlands community and beyond. The Beaver Theatre will provide an exciting environment for the artistic community, locals, seasonal residents and tourists, and will operate as the Beaver Theatre."



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Fairgrounds, broad-ax hewing demonstrations to a "Bunkhouse Brunch" with music and storytelling this is one Timberfest that will be remembered for a long time.

"We've lined up a fantastic weekend," said Rick Cox, Director of Community Services at the Township of Minden Hills. "There's something for everyone whether you're from far away or right here in Haliburton County."

The musical line-up includes well-known folk musicians The Wakami Wailers with their logging-camp tunes and folk melodies. The Wailers will be performing some acoustic street music on Friday afternoon (June 13), followed by headlining a coffee-house style performance at the Community Centre on Friday night. Opening act John Foreman & Friends will share their Appalachian-Celtic sound.

The Ontario Timberfest Championships are the anchor event for the weekend and take place all day Saturday, June 14 in the Minden Fairgrounds.

Competitors from across Ontario, Quebec and the United States will participate in a skills competition using chainsaws, axes, and Swedish saws.

The Wakami Wailers will provide the occasional musical interlude. Watch broad-ax hewing and chainsaw carving demonstrations at the Minden Cultural Centre and check out the R.D. Lawrence Place exhibits.

Saturday evening, the Agricultural Society's annual Beef BBQ at the Community Centre will stoke your energy up just in time for getting those boots scooting at the amazing Nashville Nights Rock 'n Country Video Dance featuring DJ Terry Johnson on the arena floor (wristband policy will be in effect).

Sunday, June 15, the inaugural Bunkhouse Brunch will feature three sittings of "brunch theatre" under the big tent in the Minden Fairgrounds. Music from the Wakami Wailers, local storytellers Jim Blake & friends will keep you entertained while you chow down logging camp style catered by Wintergreen Pancake Barn.

A limited number of all-access VIP passes will be offered for sale giving the holder admission to the entire weekend's events, including all performances and the Beef BBQ and the Bunkhouse Brunch.

For more information contact Rick Cox at 286-1260 ext. 220.

Beaver Theatre Cont'd....

Artist, as defined by the Haliburton Arts Council is 'a person involved in creative activity in any arts discipline, such as performing art, dance, music, theatre, visual arts, craft, media and design arts, literary arts, multi disciplinary arts, and arts that defy description.' This is an apt description of the breadth of reach the Beaver Theatre wishes to encompass."

In anticipation of our interview Ludu came fully prepared with a breakdown of some future happenings she expects to take place at the new Beaver Theatre.

The New Beaver Theatre Program Elements

Media Arts

One of the unique concepts Ludu and her team has for the Beaver is the taking out of the old film projector system, and installing a modern digital projector which can be used with dvd's, while also having the capability to be hooked up to the internet, for a plethora of digital imaging possibilities, such as: independent and classic film festivals, documentaries and educational programming, cartoon and animated festivals, virtual tours of world-renowned museums and art galleries, youth programming, virtual international travel, web-based interactivity, and personal slide shows/videos.

At the present time there is no single location in the greater Minden area that can do all of the above, and such a venue can only help in establishing the media arts, and help such organizations as Highlands Media Arts, fulfill their own mandates.

Stage

The new Beaver Theatre will incorporate a small permanent stage, as well as a modular one that can be expanded when necessary to include rehearsals and performances such as: live theatre, storytelling, musical performances, talent contests, youth programming, literary festivals and book clubs, panel discussions, dance, comedy, improv', skills demonstrations, choir festivals, theatre festivals and theatre camps.

Gallery

Plans are to take out several rows of seats along the walls of the theatre in order to provide walking space for the purposes of viewing art work mounted on the walls. Gallery plans include: art shows and sales, and generational art for all skills, and all ages.

Special Events

The Beaver may also become a centre for such non artistic endeavours as: parties, receptions, convocations, conferences, award ceremonies, CCAS linkage, Gay events and pride celebrations, solstice events, live radio transmissions, and car rally destinations.

Academic Pursuits

There is a necessity in our community for another academic venue to handle overflow and new concepts. Some academic areas where the Beaver can be

effective are; as a lecture hall, a satellite school for colleges and universities, theatre school, art school, and a school for the disciplines of film and dance.

In short, the new Beaver Theatre will be primarily a Centre For The Arts, which has been high on my personal wish-list for some time now. In addition however, the Beaver will also be a facility that will be able to handle many events and happenings not connected to the arts.

Ludu Martin knows that she can't just come waltzing in to the community and have everything fall in place. She realizes that there's some over-lap with what she is doing and what is already in place. Her aim though is not to disrupt, but to work in conjunction with what's already here, to the benefit of all. Her concept is to be inclusive, not exclusive, which means help for and from the community, on many levels.

She also realizes that there will be many dealings with the municipality, and to that end she wants to contribute however she can to such projects as the Riverwalk and the continued downtown revitalization. Ludu has the plan and outlined her own 'Beaver Theatre Keys To Success.'

She knows her own mind, and she's aware of what's required of her. If even half of what she's envisioned for herself, her team, and the old Beaver Theatre comes to fruition, it will mean an immense step forward in establishing the Beaver Theatre and Minden, as a unique and desirable destination for visitors and Highlanders alike.

Stay tuned for continuing updates on this great project.

Pictured: Dagmar Boettcher, Robert Luke and Beaver theatre owner Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin.



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In 1519, in Stelvio, Italy, moles accused of damaging crops were tried in a court of law and sentenced to exile!

Believe it or Not! In the English town of York, it is still legal for a citizen to use a bow and arrow "to shoot any Scotsman discovered out and about after sunset"!

Until 1819, it was against the law to cut down a tree in Britain- Thouse found guilty were sentenced to hang!

Trivia Test

1. SCIENCE: What is the Periodic Table symbol for the element mercury?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a beaver's home called?
3. LANGUAGE: In the international phonetic alphabet, what word represents the letter "Y"?
4. MONEY: What is the currency of Poland?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What nation is Baffin Island a part of?
6. TELEVISION: Who was Steve McGarrett's arch-enemy in the series "Hawaii Five-0"?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is an abnormal fear of crowds called?
8. MOVIES: Which two comedians starred as friends in the movie "Stripes"?
9. MEDICINE: What is trepanning?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who designed the Statue of Liberty?

Answers

1. Hg
2. A lodge
3. Yankee
4. Zloty
5. Canada
6. Wo Fat
7. Ochlophobia
8. Bill Murray and Harold Ramis
9. Removal of part of the skull to relieve pressure
10. Frederic Bartholdi

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You have read in my previous columns about the duty of a vendor to disclose a latent or hidden defect in a home which a potential purchaser may not see but which the vendor knows about. What about defects in neighbourhoods? If you live in Walkerton and the purchaser is from out-of-town, do you have to disclose to the purchaser that the water supply in Walkerton has caused personal injury and even death? Closer to home, the Gull River is flooding and the MNR has issued a flood advisory warning. You are a vendor and you live along the Gull River. Do you have to disclose to a potential purchaser that your neighbourhood is subject to periodic flooding?

It appears that the test for disclosing defects in neighbourhoods is whether the defect will affect the health or safety of the purchased property and its owners. An example of a case affecting safety involved a retaining wall on the vendor's property. Behind the retaining wall was a steep cliff. While the vendor owned the property, there was a minor landslide from the cliff area which damaged the retaining wall. The vendor did not disclose this to the purchaser. After the real estate transaction closed, there was a major landslide which destroyed the house. The vendor was liable for not disclosing the defect.

There are many examples of cases involving properties abutting landfill sites which have been converted into park land. Land fill sites produce methane which can lead to an explosion or health concerns if not properly vented. In the landfill cases, disclosure that the park land was formerly a landfill site is necessary to make an informed purchase. This does not necessarily mean a discount in the purchase price of the abutting property. It is true that a prospective purchaser might only be prepared to purchase such a property if the purchase price were discounted to make it more attractive than similar properties further removed from the closed-up landfill site. However, another prospective purchaser might consider that a property abutting a converted land fill site has the offsetting benefit of abutting open space which cannot be developed, for which the purchaser is not required to pay a premium.

In the next column, I will be talking about mineral rights.



Bully pulpit

\bu-le-pul-pit'n: a prominent public position (as a political office) that provides an opportunity for expounding one's views; also: such an opportunity.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Where's Jimmy?

Almost 33 years later, union leader Hoffa's fateful lunch date remains a mystery

On July 30, 1975, Jimmy Hoffa told his wife Josephine that he had an appointment to meet friends for lunch.

He left his summer home north of Detroit for the 25-mile trip to the suburb of Birmingham.

The 62-year-old Hoffa arrived at the Red Fox Restaurant and was observed parking his green 1974 Pontiac sometime after 1:30 p.m.

When his friends didn't show up, he called Josephine and told her that Anthony 'Tony Jack' Giacalone had stood him up.

He inquired of Josephine if his friend had called to cancel the appointment.

Josephine assured him that she had received no such call. Hoffa made another phone call to a friend. This time he mentioned that Anthony 'Tony Pro' Provenzano had not arrived either.

Jimmy kept dubious company.

Tony Jack, a reported Mafia enforcer, was awaiting trial on income tax evasion.

Tony Pro had at one time been a Teamsters Union vice-president and had been a friend of Jimmy's while both were serving time in Lewisburg Federal Prison.

The boys had a falling out in prison and were no longer on good terms.

Both Giacalone and Provenzano would later deny any involvement in the greatest disappearance since Ambrose Small walked into a snowstorm in Toronto and disappeared forever.

Jimmy Hoffa never had lunch that day nor any other day.

He disappeared off the face of the earth.

In a period of 14 years, Hoffa had built the Teamsters Union into the strongest and wealthiest union in North America.

Defrocked and tossed into prison for jury tampering and mail fraud, Jimmy had recently been released.

The current president of the union, Frank Fitzsimmons, heard the rumours.

He couldn't help it.

Jimmy Hoffa was making noises.

He wanted the presidency back and meant to do everything in his power to wrestle control from Fitzsimmons.

These boys played hardball.

Fitzsimmons' son Richard had narrowly escaped death a month earlier when his car had been blown up.

President Fitzsimmons claimed he had no idea who had abducted Jimmy Hoffa.

For several days after the disappearance, police, most notably the FBI, held out hope that Hoffa had been abducted in some sort of labour power

play and would turn up.

As time passed, it became obvious that he had been murdered.

For some time after his disappearance, it was theorized that Hoffa, fearing for his life, had fled the country, but few believed that Jimmy, a devoted family man, would leave his wife, daughter and son.

Some think that Hoffa was planning on testifying against top union officials suspected of receiving huge kickbacks paid out of the union's pension fund.

Eliminating a witness ready to spill his guts is a time honoured mob practice.

Most probable of all the theories alludes to Jimmy as a major threat to once again become president of the Teamsters Union.

It must be remembered that hundreds of thousands of truckers owed their increased paycheques to Hoffa, who almost singlehandedly had been instrumental in achieving those increases.

Many revered the man.

When Jimmy was paroled from prison, one of the conditions of his parole forbade him from any participation in union activities.

Jimmy was legally fighting to have this condition set aside.

It was an open secret that he planned to run for the presidency in 1976.

This was considered a direct threat to many people.

The current president, Fitzsimmons, had delegated power to 15 vice-presidents.

This was in direct contrast to Hoffa's style.

Jimmy had always insisted on total control.

Then there was the Mafia itself.

They had formulated gentlemen's agreements with the union during Jimmy's tenure in prison.

Would all this change if Jimmy was successful in regaining the presidency?

Jimmy Hoffa's adopted son, Chuckie O'Brien,

came under close examination.

It has been rumored that O'Brien had joined the Fitzsimmons camp while Hoffa was in jail, and stood to lose should Jimmy once again become Teamster president.

O'Brien, who fell out of sight for short while after his father's disappearance, had an alibi for the afternoon of Jimmy's abduction.

He claims that he borrowed Tony Jack Giacalone's son Joseph's car to deliver a salmon to a union official at the time in question.

The FBI have not been able to disprove his alibi.

What happened to Hoffa's body?

The FBI tells me they still receive tips pinpointing Jimmy's last resting place.

Some say he was dumped in a Florida swamp.

Others claim to have watched him being buried beside the end zone in Giant Stadium after having been transported from Michigan.

Still others believe that Jimmy's body was ground up and incinerated in a Mafia-owned operation in New Jersey.

The disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa leaves many questions unanswered.

Perhaps we will never know the details surrounding his death.

Pictured: 1. Controversial Jim Hoffa told wife Josephine he was meeting friends for lunch on July 30, 1975.



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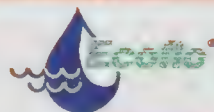
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Minden Home Hardware has served the citizens of Haliburton County well for many years. In an attempt to serve their clients even better, the store recently expanded and opened a rent-all centre.

"We've always been interested in growing and expanding our store," spoke Minden Home Hardware co-owner Jodi Paterson. "We've always tried to make the store one-stop shopping. There is a lot of demand, between contractors and do-it-yourself-ers, for rent-all services." There are other rent-alls within the county, but Home Hardware is not seeking to compete with them. "Because of the large demand, we believe that we're not stepping on anybody's toes. Other rent-alls offer large equipment, while we focus on smaller



products. We want to work together with other rent-alls, not compete against them," Paterson said.

Creating a rent-all centre in the Home Hardware building was no small task. Work began in the autumn, and renovations continued through the winter. As well as building the rent-all centre, the store owners also needed to buy all of the new tools. Since the rent-all seeks to provide a wide and diverse range of tools, this was a long process. "We're now capable of providing rent-all equipment for everything from small

do-it-yourself projects to big contract jobs," spoke store co-owner Dave Staley. "We have lawn and garden tools, tillers, chainsaws, cement mixes, carpet cleans, and much more. We offer about 300 different products."

"The rent-all is a very substantive investment," Staley said. "But we're comfortable that the return on our investment will be there... We did a lot of research before opening the rent-all, and looked at other Home Hardwares that opened them. They have been successful, and we're confident that we also will be."

With Canadian Tire coming to Minden, Home Hardware needs to keep competitive. Fortunately for Home Hardware, no Canadian Tire stores offer rent-all services. "We don't see Canadian Tire as a bad thing. It will bring more shoppers into Minden, which is good for the economy. We also hope that our rent-all will help bring more people into town," Paterson spoke. "We've also hired new people to work in the rent-all, and more employment is always good for the local economy."

When dealing with power tools and building projects, Minden Home Hardware believes that safety should always be a primary concern. "Our rental staff took a training programme offered by corporate Home Hardware. In this programme, they learned all the safety procedures. All rent-all staff are fully certified for health and safety," he explained. When people rent equipment from Home Hardware, they will be fully instructed on how to properly and safely use the equipment.

There is little doubt that the new rent-all will succeed, for it is very well equipped. Home Hardware recently bought a new truck for rent-all deliveries. "We just painted the truck bright yellow," Staley laughs. "It's so bright that you have to put sunglasses on to look at it." With such a blazing rent-all truck driving around town, it seems unlikely that the citizens of Minden will forget that there is a new rent-all in town.



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Kinmount Farmers Market Returns

by Lynne Kilby

Come out to experience the unique flavour of Kinmount Farmers' Market opening for its 8th season on Saturday, May 17 and while visiting make sure to put your name in for a free basket draw. Nestled on the shores of Burnt River by the historic Kinmount Railway Station and Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, Kinmount Farmers' Market features an astonishing array of organic and locally grown produce, herbs, shiitake mushrooms, plants, home baking, specialty breads, unusual preserves, herbal remedies, honey, candles, maple syrup, meats, beautifully hand crafted items and more. Your discoveries may both surprise and delight you, and you may learn something new.

Farmers' Markets are thriving throughout Ontario as consumers strive to be more aware about food ingredients and where it comes from. People choose Farmers' Markets in their quest for nature's best produce, finding fresh food that is high in quality and the next best thing to growing your own. Most growers harvest their produce the day before or even just hours before taking it to market. Another huge advantage to shopping at a Farmers' Market is being able to ask vendors questions about how their product was grown or uniquely created. And let's not forget about tasting before you buy – many vendors are proud to offer samples and may also provide a rich source of preparation tips.

Kinmount Farmers Market is a certified member of Farmers' Markets Ontario Association, who enforce strict guidelines mandating vendor grown and vendor produced products. When the market began with just a few vendors it was originally located on the main street. A move a few years ago to Austin Sawmill Heritage Park provided room for expansion. Now firmly established, the market has grown to 14 regular vendors along with various occasional vendors. The market hopes to attract more vendors this season. New and occasional vendors will be heartily welcomed. All reap the benefits of meeting their customers one-on-one. In addition to incredibly low overhead and the financial advantages of selling directly to the public, vendors at Kinmount Farmers' Market experience immediate feedback on their products, allowing them to make product changes to meet customer demand. Vendors report it is a great place to have fun, earn income and meet people. Cost for a seasonal space is \$100, or \$20 per day. Those interested in becoming a vendor should call Marion at (705) 488-2612.

After exploring Kinmount Farmers' Market, why not take a stroll through the beautiful gardens and beyond to the picnic area, children's playground or walking trail at stunning Austin Sawmill Heritage Park or visit the Model Railroad Display located with the Tourist Information

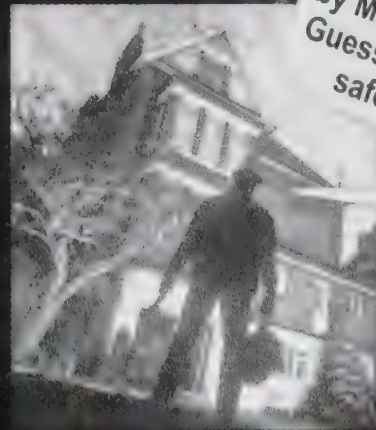


Booth inside the railway station. As well, local artists display their work inside the station through July and August.

Featured along with the opening of the market on Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend there will be a yard sale sponsored by Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. What better way to spend part of your Saturday than paying a visit to charming Kinmount Farmers' Market? The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday until Oct. 11. Happy Shopping!

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Make plans to attend the 30th Haliburton Home and Cottage Show, May 30th to June 1st. This show attracts over 120 exhibits to the Haliburton area and curling club. The show is relaxed and fun. People enjoy the great deals and the opportunity to talk to contractors, tradespeople, and craftsmen about upcoming projects or renovations. Kids will enjoy the Camp Wanakita play area.

There are many show specials on large ticket items such as appliances, furniture, and major decorating or renovation items. It's a great place to find that special item you've been searching for and to fulfill your gardening and landscaping dreams.

While at the show, plan to visit the "Taste of Haliburton" for great food buys, and the curling club's famous Food and Entertainment Tent to cap off your visit.

Parking is free. Admission is \$3 per person, and kids are free. Your admission ticket entitles you to free draws and readmission throughout the entire weekend. The show will be open on Friday from 4pm to 9pm, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This wonderful event is sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club. For more information call 456-2892. See you at the show! Oh, and watch out for the 30 foot gorillia !!

Come See the Works of Some "Wild Women"

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden will be featuring an exhibition of work painted out in the crisp beauty of Northern Ontario by three women. The paintings, by Joyce Burkholder, Linda Sorenson and Kathy Haycock, capture nature in its rawest form. The works will be on exhibit starting on Tuesday, June 3 and will run until Saturday, June 28.

On Saturday, June 7 at 1 p.m. you will have the opportunity to meet this three fascinating, creative women up close and personal as they speak about their works. Admission is by donation, with proceeds going towards future acquisitions for the gallery.

Burkholder's work reflects a profound love of the Canadian landscape and her unique way of seeing that land. A life-long passion has focused on landscapes and florals primarily from the Ottawa Valley and her personal perennial garden. She uses many painting mediums, with watercolours, oils and painting on silk being her favourites.

The realism paintings of Sorensen reflect a passionate connection and respect for the earth which is portrayed in images of life, nostalgia, rich botanicals, and Canadian wilderness. The artist offers her own unique insight and interpretation of life and the natural world through the mediums of acrylic, watercolour, mixed media and photography. Haycock says 'there is nothing more enjoyable than sitting within a scene, observing and absorbing intensely...and painting. I like to share my delight in being there, in experiencing nature's gift of the landscape, the weather, wind, light, even movement and sound. To find out more information call Laurie Carmount at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 705-286-3763

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"Minden Community Forum" Announcement

The following announcement will be of special interest to people of all ages who live, cottage or play in the Haliburton Highlands, and also to those involved in the Hospitality Industry.

The Minden Community Forum has held seven very successful Forums which focused on different topics of importance to our community. If you missed those Forums, be sure not to miss our eighth Forum on Wednesday May 21, the topic being "Minden Community Events Planning".

Minden is extremely fortunate to have a knowledgeable, creative and energetic core of people who are planning community events for the enjoyment of all of us, as well as to attract tourists. At this Forum, we will have the opportunity to meet three of these key people, and hear about major events they are planning. We will hear about Sesquicentennial plans being made for 2009 to celebrate Minden's 150 years, as well as details of our application to host the annual Ontario Summer Games in August 2010, and the latest plans for our highly successful Minden Hills Cultural Centre, plus other events to satisfy Minden's needs. However, the organizers can't do everything by themselves, and these events will require considerable support from our community to ensure they are as successful as our annual Canada Day celebrations, which are second to none! We will hear how we can help, and also about work that is being done to improve promoting, coordinating and supporting these and other events. You will have the opportunity to express your views during the "Open Forum" portion of the meeting.

So, come out to this the eighth in a series of "Minden Community Forums" on Wednesday, May 21 at Minden United Church at 7:30 p.m. Presentations will be made by Bob Smith & Amy Brohm, *Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing for County of Haliburton*, Rick Cox, *Director of Community Services for The Township of Minden Hills*, and Daniela Pagliaro & Sheryl Loucks, *Minden Hills Cultural Centre*. Jack Brezina will be Moderator at this Forum.

Let's keep the feeling of "community" in Minden strong, and get back "in the know" by attending this and future Forums.

Hear their vision and ask your questions at the "Minden Community Forum" on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street in Minden.

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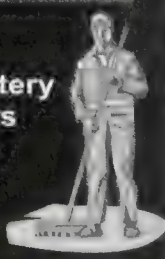
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Having a Ball in Wilberforce

The Wilberforce Women's Fitness Group really was having a ball this week. They were treated to a workout by Alison Logan, a CanFit Pro Instructor. Logan, who hails from Haliburton and teaches at the Wilberforce School, volunteered her time on Tuesday night to give the Wilberforce ladies a ball and weight workout.

A core group of 12 women were front and centre to learn a program that will improve their core stability, which Logan says is vital for everyday living. The workout is intended to improve balance, posture and increase strength, which is something we all need, particularly as we age. The ball and weight workout also helps to improve bone density.

Logan likes to call the workout "functional exercise" and says anyone can start the program and increase their level of participation as they progress. Logan says the program is particularly good for group workouts because it's non competitive -- each person works for herself.

Logan also said that her program should be done in conjunction with aerobic exercise to get the best results. The combination will provide participants with a balanced approach. The fitness group started with basic instruction and members were encouraged to stay within their personal limits.

The workout is all done to upbeat music and everyone seemed to be really enjoying themselves. That was one of the group's original intentions; to improve both their physical and inner well being and have a fun night out to boot.

The Wilberforce Women's Fitness group meets regularly on Tuesday nights at 7:00 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. New members and instructors are always welcome to come out and enjoy time together.

The best news for the group is "We're dropping pounds like melted butter!" That's according to group organizer, Laurie Bowker. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Are you driven to find new ways to get to work, without using a vehicle?

Health for Life and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition are challenging local residents and workplaces in Haliburton County to do just that during the first-ever Commuter Challenge set for June 2 to 6, 2008. To participate in the week-long event, people are encouraged to find 'active' and environmentally-friendly ways to get to work such as cycling, walking or jogging.

"The car is so ingrained in modern culture that many people see it as an extension of themselves," says Sue Shikaze, a Health Promoter with Health for Life. "The purpose of the Commuter Challenge is to get people thinking outside four wheels and trying new and healthy ways to get to work."

Anyone who takes up the Commuter Challenge by walking or biking part or all of the way to work will be eligible for prizes. These include bike accessories such as pumps, light sets, seat packs and more. Top prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Sharpley's Source for Sports will be given to the participant who covers the most distance during the week-long Commuter Challenge.

According to Shikaze, there are "creative ideas" that commuters can use to take up the challenge even in a place as geographically spread out as Haliburton County. Says Shikaze: "Consider finding a place to park your vehicle a few kilometres from work, then cycle the rest of the way. For commuters who live closer to the job, trade in your car for a pair of running shoes and walk to work."

Any individual or workplace taking part in the Commuter Challenge can register with Health for Life at (705) 457-1391, ext. 249. Participants will receive an information package and ideas on how they can get active on their work commute.

The Commuter Challenge is one of many activities that local residents can take part in during SummerActive, a cross-Canada campaign running through June 20. During SummerActive, people are encouraged to get out and be active, then register their participation on-line at www.summeractive.org. Once registered, a person is eligible to win a variety of national prizes.

For anyone who wants to get SummerActive and gear up for the cycling season, the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition is organizing several free workshops and riding tours in May and June. Visit www.cyclehaliburton.ca for complete event details, including dates, times and locations.



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Burning Birch

Whenever I come to a log of birch in our woodpile, I'm already experiencing a little turning of joy, anticipating the several layers of pleasure I derive from burning birch.

First there is that extravagant bark, thick and layered, or thin and papery, extending over the sides of the split log like curly hair or new spring growth. I know that this is what will catch fire quickly... as will the log itself, dense wood giving fire to maple, oak hemlock and cherry long before some of them are ready. And the perfume of birch - I find it a richer fragrance than the most expensive manufactured perfume, for which my nose has no appreciation whatsoever. But if someone could bottle burning birch smoke, I would probably wear it.

Living in the forests of the Algonquin Highlands allows me to know northern trees in a way I never would have otherwise. When I walk aimlessly in the woods with mindless attention - a practice I do far less often than would benefit my soul - I can now identify many varieties - white pine, red pine, hemlock, black spruce, white spruce, tamarack, balsam poplar, balsam fir, maple, northern red oak, black cherry, beech - and a few less common varieties - but it is birch that my eyes are drawn to, again and again. Yes, there is the beauty of it, but there is also something else, something more symbolic about birch that strikes a resonant chord deep inside me.

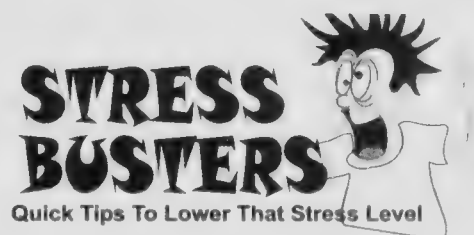
Birches shed their skins. Year after year, more noticeably around March or April, large sheets of birch bark imperceptibly leave the safety of the solid trunk of its stable tree. If you watch one tree every day for awhile, you will that this happens almost overnight in the warming of the March sun. Like human beings at the end of a long winter, it seems that the birch is saying "what a relief to get all these heavy clothes off!" and drops its bark to the ground.

Birches remind me of the many skins I have shed over the course of sixty years, and they are many. What's more, there are probably a few more to go before the final shedding of this body, the skin that life chose this time round. Birches confront me with this inescapable truth, one I turned away from for years and years. Now, as I grow closer to birch, as I honor its shedding and benefit from its particular warmth and scent and fire capacities, it has become yet another teacher. (In a similar way, I have become a friend of snakes, but that's a story for another day.)

In one of the healing stories about Jesus, he asks a blind man whose sight was just restored "what do you see?" The man replied, "I see people, but they are like trees walking." His restored vision might not have been so far off: I might have been a birch in another life, and faint echoes of birch-being continue to guide me through my human one. Birch shedding and birch burning seem little different from the stages and shedding of human life.

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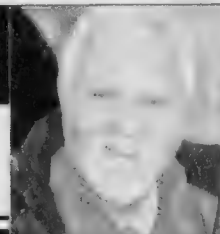
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Shifting Gears in Haliburton

by Liz Danielsen

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition has a terrific "Shifting Gears Cycling Festival" planned for this summer. Sue Shikaze and Dick Charron laid out the Coalition's plans for the June 21 event to Dysart Council recently.

In providing an overview of the event, Shikaze said the project is part of the Coalition's goal to work to promote an active and healthy community. She said that active projects and trails initiatives all help people make healthy choices, adding that their focus is to promote cycling and continue their work on the cycling master plan.

Shikaze said they have a website and have prepared promotional postcards which were both good resources for people in and out of the County to learn about their initiatives. Shikaze added that the Coalition also promotes safety on numerous levels, including how to ride on the road.

Charron said the Cycling Coalition will be hosting a series of workshops from mid-May through to the festival date. The workshops are aimed at encouraging all age groups and families to participate. The workshops cover everything from introductory bike maintenance to, "getting back on your bike" for the older generation.

Charron said that as well as the opening "Record Setting Ride" on the day of the festival, there will be three guided rides this year. One ride will be to the Bonnie View Inn for lunch (healthy, of course.) There will be a ride through the Stanhope area which offers flat beautiful terrain. The longest ride will be a West Guilford/Eagle Lake circuit.

A new component this year will be the addition of geocaching events, where cycling participants can learn how to find treasures in the bush and along the rail trail and produce their finds for prizes. There will also be Commuter and Back-to-School challenges.

According to Charron, one of the group's plans is to host a Cycling Film Night at the Molou this spring.

Charron said they hope to draw everyone, including non cyclists, to the Shifting Gears Festival on June 21 and that they had a lot of fun family events and treasure hunts planned. The Haliburton County Folk Society will be performing and there will be a lunch catered by a local chef.

Discussions then got down to the crunch. Shikaze and Charron told Council that the Cycling Coalition need help to cover the cost of the event and that their present budget indicates a net loss of \$700. They asked for Council's support or to consider becoming a partner in the event.

Charron said the Coalition wants to develop cycle tourism, something that they have included in their master plan and which is growing in popularity across the tourism world. Charron added that the festival also offered a good chance for everyone to get out, mingle and enjoy, and he gave a promise that there would be, "no political protests."

In response to a question about how the Coalition raises funds, Shikaze said they raised money through the sale of bike maps, grants and donations. She said they had received money from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for their first two years to get them started, which helped with ads and printing.

She added that the Coalition members felt they should go further afield. Shikaze also said they do receive support in kind: for example, the theatre is donated at no cost for their film night. ■



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Rabies Conviction

Health Unit gets tough on owners that
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The Health Unit reminds people about their legal responsibility to have pets vaccinated against rabies after two local dog owners were convicted for failing to live up to the law.

During a court case in Lindsay earlier this month, two City of Kawartha Lakes residents received fines totalling in \$1,050 for failing to have their animals immunized against rabies.

The convictions were made under the Ontario Regulation 567/90, which requires every owner or person having the care and custody of a cat or dog three months of age or over to ensure the animal has proper and up-to-date rabies immunization. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit became involved in both cases as the result of investigating an animal biting incident.

According to the Health Unit, laying charges against the two dog owners came as a "last resort" after the owners ignored repeated requests and an order to have their pets vaccinated. The combined fines of \$1,050 are also the highest ever handed out for such a case in this area.

"Fist and foremost, we educate and work with animal owners to get their animal immunized," says Anne Alexander, Director of Environmental Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Legal action is a last resort, but sometimes, it is a necessary step to stress the importance of rabies and immunization to animal owners."

Rabies is a serious disease that is fatal in humans and animals. People and pets, including dogs and cats, can get rabies by being licked, bitten or scratched by other warm-blooded mammals such as bats, racoons, skunks, and foxes that are affected with rabies.

Last year, the Health Unit investigated 479 cases in which people were potentially exposed to rabies in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Northumberland County. Three hundred ninety of those cases involved a household pet that may have been exposed to rabies from a wild animal.

"We consider rabies a serious public health issue, so it's vital that pet owners protect their dogs and cats by getting them vaccinated," adds Alexander.

Each fall, the Health Unit works with local veterinarians to organize low-cost rabies vaccination clinics throughout the area. Health Unit staff also investigate cases of animal bites that may result in rabies, and can provide post-expose rabies vaccine to anyone who may have been exposed to rabies. The cost to provide post-exposed rabies vaccine to a person is more than \$1,200.

Alexander says anyone who has been bitten by an animal, or treated an individual who has been bitten by an animal, must report it to the Health Unit. They can do so by calling any local Health Unit office.



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Carving The Willows Along The Gull

Finished Sculptures Will Be Part of the Riverwalk Experience

There was a time, not so very long ago when the beautiful black willows that lined the Water Street side of the Gull River acted not only as summertime shady retreats, but also as reminders of Minden's past. One tree in particular, which had a branch way up high, jutting out over the water, has been used for many years as a test of bravery. Youths would climb up to that top branch and fling themselves into space and land with a resounding splash into the deep river, 10 metres below. Attached to another willow was a long rope, and on it young boys and girls, as well as the occasional adult, would swing well out above the river before they'd let go, at just the precise moment that maximized the thrill. The 'minds-eye image' of a young boy or girl on the end of that rope just before the let-go, is an image of a Minden that is sadly passing.

The willows, one by one are coming to the end of their life span. Some of them were deemed hazardous, so the decision was made to cut them down. Some cross-sectioned pieces have found their way to the R.D. Lawrence Place, and they've shown themselves to be in excess of 100 years old.

The willows will not be forgotten however, as the Riverwalk Committee decided to cut the trees off at a height about 8 feet above the ground. The stumps are to be used for wood carvings.

Local chainsaw carver, Walter van der Windt, owner of the Carving Gallery at Moore Falls, and the Goofy Moose in Minden, was approached for his input. Walter, being the generous man that he is, offered to carve the first sculpture for free, and Thursday, May 8, saw him start work on the stump closest to the bridge. Willow chips and sawdust were flying everywhere by 2 p.m. in the afternoon. Walter had already progressed rather well, and it was easy to see that the top-most piece of the sculpture was in the likeness of a heron.

Walter came down from the scaffold to talk, and work on sharpening his saw. "This willow is harder than the pine and cedar I'm used to carving," he explains, as he works away on what promises to be one of many sharpening sessions. "I usually don't carve stumps anymore," he states. "There's an added danger whenever you're working above the ground with a chainsaw. I'm risking life and limb to bring art to Minden," he laughs, though as a new father, he's probably more cautious now, than he once was. Walter cited Orangeville, Ontario as giving stump carvers a big boost during the last few years, as in that town there are many carvings, and people go there specifically to see the works. It's been a real boost to the Orangeville economy.

There's a total of seven willow stumps along Water Street, and according to Laurie Carmount of the Riverwalk Committee, the plan is to turn at least five of them into sculptures. "It's incredibly generous of Walter to give us the first sculpture for free," she says,

"and I can't imagine we'll get any more freebies." The plan, after the first sculpture is done, is to see the public reaction and then go from there. The reaction is more than likely to be positive. Other local sculptors, like Walter, might also decide to donate their time for free, but if not, then monies will be raised to secure the required funds for additional carvings of the stumps.

"A carving of this size can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$6,000 depending on the carver and the amount of detail," says Walter. The one I'm doing would cost in the vicinity of \$2,000-\$2,500. Underneath the heron I'll do relief all around the stump. There'll be some vegetation, and along the bottom, there'll be a beaver, which will be chewing on a branch. I'll carve in the word 'Minden' as well. People will have to walk around the sculpture to see it all."

Walter won't be carving all the stumps himself. "I hope to bring in other carvers," he says. "I'd like to see them get about \$3,000 for their work. If I have a good year (in business), I'll pay for half of the next stump, and the Riverwalk or whoever, can pick up the other half." The plan for now is to complete 1 sculpture a year.

The Riverwalk project is presently in Phase 2 of a 3-5 year plan.

"The Riverwalk path portion of the project will be completed by 2009," says Laurie Carmount. Right now the only part of the path that is completed starts across the bridge at Gambles Antiques, and takes you in an upstream direction along Invergordon. When that section of the walk is finished it will take you to approximately the Wild Swan (B and B), where it will meet up with a footbridge, which will be built later this year. The footbridge will span the river, and take you to the path on the Water street side, which will lead back into town. Of course, (should you wish to be contrary), you can take the walk in the opposite direction.

When the Riverwalk project is finally completed a few years from now, it's probable that most of the sculptures will also be finished. They will be a featured jewel in the Riverwalk crown, and the old willows will live on.

Pictured: Willow chips fly as Walter van der Windt carves the first stump along the Gull River in Minden



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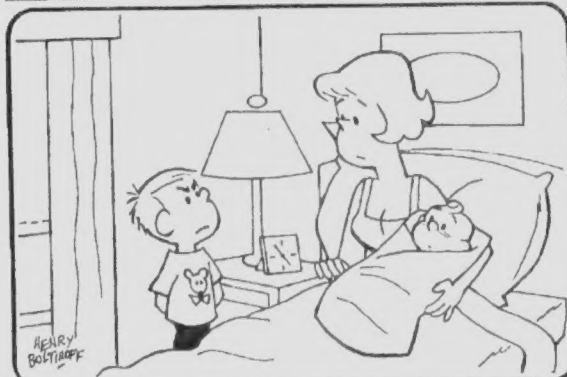
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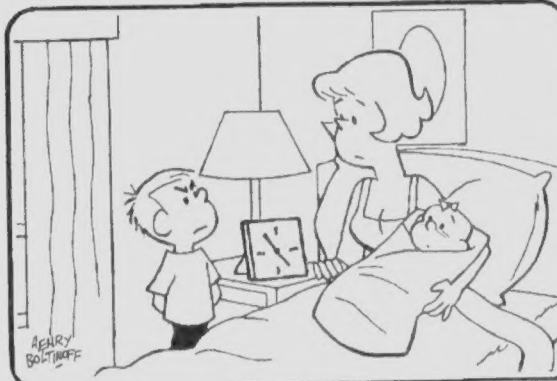
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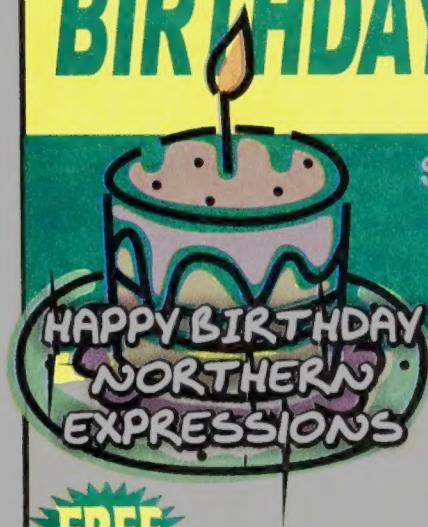
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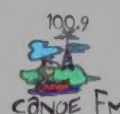
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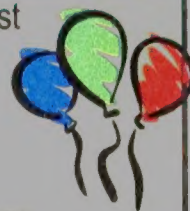


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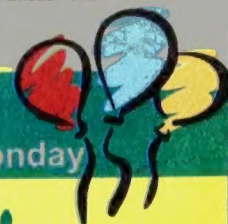
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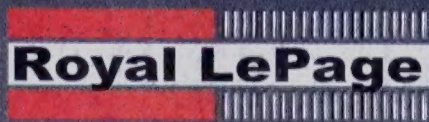
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Why settle for a cliff hanger property? Perfection is here: 165 ft of child friendly sand beach straight out of a television commercial. Underbrush cleared & driveway in. 2.85 acre lot on Little Redstone (large 3 lake chain). 66 foot municipal allowance provides that extra extra privacy. \$412,000.00



Sits on the edge of a river with a swimming hole and 14 acres. Features also include a Jacuzzi tub and outdoor hot tub on the patio. 2 bdrms are on the lower walk out level making privacy a plus. Easy to set up a 2nd kitchen with hook ups there. Full laundry facilities also. Don't forget the second building with a separate family area. \$435,000.00



build your own cottage/home or have the Vendor build for you. Listen to the water falls at the dam, enjoy the beautiful rock face to the left of the lot and to the right is Redstone Lake. Building site has been partially cleared. Nice deck and dock at waters edge. \$179,000.00



Check out this property!! Total privacy with 14 acres and over 400 ft. of frontage on Redstone River. There is a meadow down near the river where you can watch the deer play. This Cedar R2000 log home has 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, den, cozy living room, deck off the kitchen, walkout basement and much more to list. This is what country living is all about. \$299,000.00



Kennisis Lk(Paddy's Bay) 175 ft frontage, beautiful sand beach, natural shore line, nature lovers retreat. 3.2 acres, level lot, driveway on property. Very easy to build on this lot saving you lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$. \$229,000.00



Redstone Lake 1.5 acre gently sloping building lot on Hunter's Island with fabulous sunsets. 160 feet of frontage and 5 minutes by boat from the landing, dock & boat storage facilities available. Build your dream hideaway on this very private lot with mature trees. New cottage going in on the lot next door. Possible VTB also vendor can supply some building costs or perhaps build to suit \$199,000.00

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